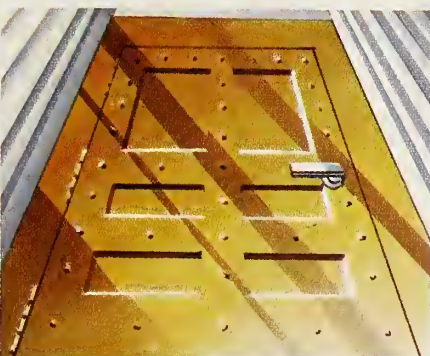
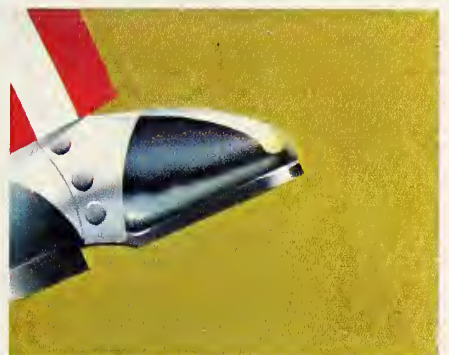
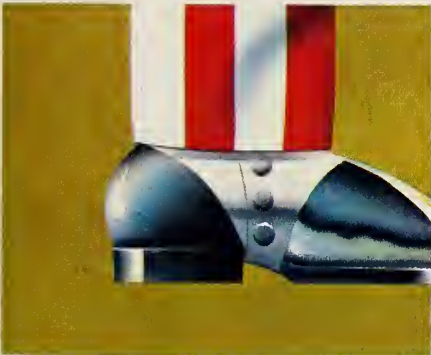
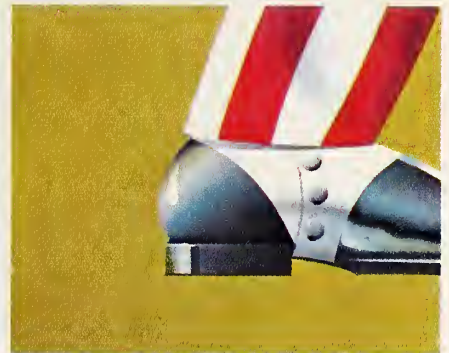


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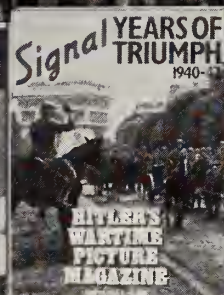
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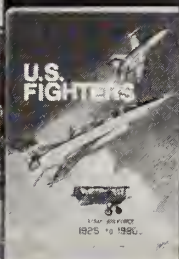
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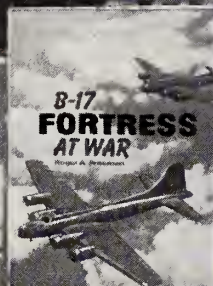
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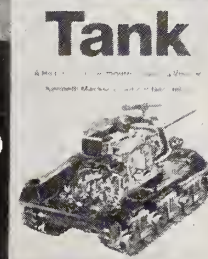
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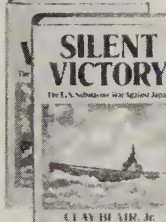
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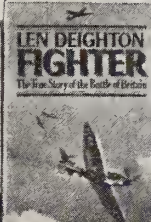
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Gen. Lewis W. Walt, USMC (Ret.), author of "How We Lose Wars and Peace," was assistant commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968 to 1971, having served in combat during World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam, winning two Navy Crosses, two Distinguished Service Medals, the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts. He is the author

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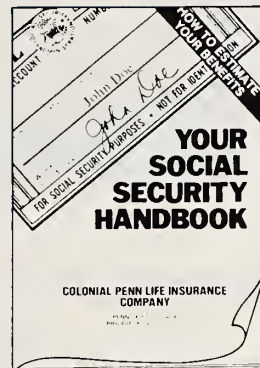
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• What a pleasure to read the excellent article by Captain Enright, "The Short Life and Sudden Death of the Shinano," (August.) The detailed description of this notable exploit gives us better insight into the reason that virtually the entire Japanese fleet was at the bottom of the seas by the conclusion of hostilities in 1945.

W. M. VESTAL
San Antonio, Tex.

• Reading "The Short Life and Sudden Death of the Shinano" (August) really recalled old memories. While recuperating from malaria at Saipan in 1945, I was invited together with several buddies to partake of a good hot meal aboard the S. S. Fulton. Following the best meal we'd had in months we were asked if we would like to visit aboard a submarine tied-up alongside the Fulton. It was the *Archer-Fish* but we did not know then that she had sunk the "Shinano." 35 years vanished as I read of the extraordinary exploit and my experience and thrill in boarding my first sub so long ago.

OSCAR DARIENZO
Paterson, N. J.

• Just a few kind words to tell you how much we have enjoyed reading "The Short Life and Sudden Death of the Shinano" (August.) We were cliff-hanging awaiting the second installment. It was extremely interesting, well-written and my husband and I felt we were both aboard the submarine. Keep up the good work.

IDA J. KNIGHT
Birmingham, Ala.

• Many thanks for publishing the forthright, informative and revealing article "The Inflated Cost of 'Improved' Products" (July) that places the blame for much of our inflation and restrictive regulatory morass where it should be—on the bungling Washington bureaucrats. This should be required reading for all office holders at every level of government.

RAYMOND E. GRAIL
Moline, Ill.

• The article "Are We Destroying Our First Line of Defense?" (August), states that the first duty of citizenship in a democracy is that of keeping informed (as stated by Thomas Jefferson.) How can we be

informed and thereby safeguard democratic ideals if we do not have correct information? The sun never sets on the American intelligence empire, yet as citizens we have no access to information other than reports that are often both misleading or biased. We allow *unelected* members of our government to control responsibility for us all. "Ignorance is bliss" should not apply to the American people for it is we who fight the wars and pick up the pieces, because initially we were uninformed.

JOHN SMITH
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

• I enjoyed Joseph Keeley's satirical article, "Why Not a U. S. Department of Sports?" (August.) I hereby apply for a job in this certain-to-be-established bureaucracy as "Chief Designated Sitter," to represent the other designated sitters, the baseball fans.

SANFORD PATTERSON
Lincoln, Ill.

• Very meaningful to me was "Chautauqua, An American Dream" in your July issue. My mother, 87 and still active, sang on the Chautauqua circuit in 1917-18 while my father was in the army. This feature gives me such a clear picture of the scope of her activities. I have clipped and placed it in her scrapbook. Thanks again for giving this past era such reality.

DON GILL
Lincoln, Nebr.

• Not having had the facts so succinctly presented heretofore, I was shocked to read in "Dateline Washington" (July) that \$73 billion is owed to the United States by 119 countries! What a disgrace that such a condition should exist because our lawmakers think money can buy everything. If in trouble tomorrow we could count on one hand the number of debtor-countries that would come to our aid. Ah, but there is one gleam of hope. Limit congressional tenure to 12 years; then limit the Presidency to six years. Such action would remove some vested interests that underly our foreign and domestic financial difficulties.

R. C. MURRAY
Allentown, Pa.

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Big Issues

Should There Be

A Ban on Big Company Mergers?



Sen. John
Melcher
(D. Mont.)

Yes. One of the great strengths of America has been democracy of opportunity for a variety and diversity of individual and small business efforts. The competition that has resulted has contributed the products of broad individual ingenuity to our economy.

As one consequence of this great diversity of competing interests, steady advances have resulted in every phase of our national life, from the arts through mechanics and the sciences.

But now diversity is threatened by concentration of economic power. This is further aggravated by simultaneous growth of big government with all its regulations and red tape where, all too often, only the mighty are able to survive.

Present antitrust laws limit the aggregation of power within a single line of business when a merger involves eliminating the last remnants of competition. But the antitrust laws have very little restraint on conglomerates merging to pull together different lines of business; for example, a grocery chain, railroad, oil company, hotel-motel chain, recording business and cosmetic firm.

We have a bill before the United States Senate which flatly forbids mergers of corporations with \$2 billion or more in assets each. It forbids mergers of corporations of \$350 million assets each unless it can be shown that they'll result in benefits to society.

Why? Because, by any measure, the number of mergers is growing and the conglomerates at the top are getting too big. Between 1962 and 1968, 110 of the top 500 industrial corporations disappeared. Eight companies acquired \$13 billion in assets. In this decade, \$12 billion in mergers and acquisitions during 1975 rose to \$20 billion in 1976, \$21 billion in 1977 and, in 1978, to \$34 billion. While inflation affects those figures the trend is, nevertheless, staggering.

That's why S. 600, the Small and Independent Business Protection Act of 1979, to limit mergers, is so important and why the National Federation of Independent Business endorses it. We should not create in America business giants so large that the losses involved in wiping out a small competitor become inconsequential, or so large that they can even frustrate consumer demand for new products by suppressing innovations that might adversely affect their investments.

Unfortunately, big state and federal governments are already driving business, big and small, through a mine field of forms, regulations and tax codes which the big survive best; government paperwork and regulations become the accomplice of the giants who can hire the lawyers, accountants and experts to handle the government demands and take advantage of loopholes.

It is time to blow the whistle on concentrations of power of all kinds.



Sen. Orrin G.
Hatch
(R. Utah)

No. Our primary concern with a merger, large or small, should be whether the merger will have anticompetitive effects. If a large merger substantially lessens competition, it can, and should be, prohibited under currently existing laws. The Clayton Act already provides for specific authority to prohibit those mergers which may substantially lessen competition or may tend to create a monopoly. If

a merger cannot be stopped under the present laws because there is no demonstrable anticompetitive effect, the merger should not be attacked in the first place. Throughout our history, "we the people" have placed primary reliance on unfettered competition. There is no viable justification to now replace market forces with a government imposed prohibition based on size.

One argument which has been presented in favor of a ban on big mergers is that industrial concentration is increasing in our economy. To the contrary, however, the data show that the share of total company assets held by both the top 100 and the top 200 firms actually decreased in recent years.

The proponents of a ban against large mergers argue that such a ban is needed for "social and political" reasons. Indeed, it has been stated that large mergers "threaten democracy." The proponents, however, fail to specifically define the "social and political" reasons, and they fail to present proof of any abuses.

There is no evidence which shows that "big company mergers" have adverse social and political effects. It is only conjecture to think that political activity and influence grow with the size of the corporation, or that corporations with a merger history wield more political power than those without. Support for the proposal simply boils down to one principle: *Bigness is Bad*.

We are at a time in our history when we should be doing all in our power to make it easier for our corporations to compete on an international basis. If American industry is to survive in the world market, and compete equally in the American market, it must have freedom to build size, diversity and financial strength. Only strong, diverse, efficient American companies of competitive size can compete in world markets and combat government-subsidized foreign competitors domestically. The disruption of competitive market forces which would result from a ban against large mergers, would only hurt our ability to compete internationally.

It would perhaps be advisable to ban "undesirable" mergers. However, attempting to sort out "good" mergers from "bad" by setting a limitation based solely on size is neither logical nor workable. Rather, competition in the marketplace is the only true and objective judge of a "good" merger and, until we can devise a better standard, we should not look elsewhere.

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Before you install any costly fuel-saving devices in your home, it may pay you to get a professional appraisal of which items will produce maximum results. While such appraisals usually run in a \$100-\$150 range, chances are you can get reliable estimates for next to nothing from your utility and oil dealer.

By way of example, here's what the Long Island Lighting Co. (LILCO), a pioneer in energy audits, offers its customers: For \$10 it will do an on-site inspection, and estimate the cost of energy-saving improvements plus the dollars they will save; for \$2 you can get a mail audit which you fill out yourself and send to LILCO for evaluation; and for nothing you can get a do-it-yourself kit with instructions on how to do a rating and estimating job on your own. Moreover, LILCO also can arrange financing for conservation projects, and the company keeps a list of contractors. So investigate what your utility has to offer.

As for oil dealers, they often will evaluate the efficiency of your heating plant gratis (providing you burn oil, of course) and make helpful suggestions.

Look Around for Best Interest Rates

It's next to impossible to protect your savings from erosion—especially if they are modest—in these days of double-digit inflation. But you can at least put a finger in the dike by shopping around for the best possible interest rates on your nest egg. Fortunately, some luck is on your side in these areas:

Certificates Of Deposit (CD's): Heretofore these high-interest accounts have had stiff minimums and long terms. But now competition for your dollars has brought the minimum down to as low as \$100 and shortened the term to as little as three months. Note, though, that there are considerable variations by type of financial institution and the area in which you live. Roughly, the effective interest on CD's now varies from about 6 percent on the very short ones to better than 8 percent on the long ones.

Four-Year Certificates: These new certificates have an interest rate pegged to U.S. Treasury securities, which means the rate will depend on when you buy. Currently it's about 8 percent, a shade better than on standard CD's of the same length. Minimum purchase varies widely—anywhere from \$100 to \$500 and up.

Money-Market Certificate: Right now, these pay a handsome 9 percent-plus, the rate depending on U.S. Treasury bills. Moreover, money-market certificates have the added advantage of a very short term—only six months. Trouble is you have to buy in denominations of \$10,000. But you may be able to squirm around this obstacle by pooling your resources with those of trusted friends or relatives.

Sharp Shoppers Can Find Bargains

Smart shoppers can pick up some bargains in the next couple of months if they watch the ads carefully. Sluggish sales, declining housing starts and the high costs of carrying inventory are forcing merchants to dump on a selective basis.

Among the items ripe for comparatively lower tags are appliances, furniture and bigger-size cars, particularly holdovers from the prior model year. Floor coverings, too, should be favorably priced, especially those made of synthetics.

Another angle: October and November historically are the months when merchants like to clear out certain stocks to make room for winter goods. The list usually includes: bicycles, blankets, children's clothing, china, some types of women's wear, school supplies, bedding and shoes.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

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Dateline Washington

The Right To Sound Off For A Penny?

Americans will soon be able to make their views known to the Congress at bargain rates if Sen. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii has his way.

The Senator has introduced a bill, SB #422, which would permit individuals to write to their U.S. Senators and Representatives for just 1¢ postage. Other measures along the same line have been proposed, some which would extend the low rate to include mail to the President and Vice President, as well.

If passed, penny postage will be the nearest thing to the free franking privileges presently enjoyed by members of Congress when writing to their constituents. Senator Inouye, for one, feels that 1¢ postage would encourage citizens to write more often to Washington, helping to keep legislators in touch with grass-roots sentiment on pending legislation, and national and international matters.

Sponsors are hopeful that 1¢ postage will be approved by the current Congress.

Census Will Change Face of Congress

Studies by the Census Bureau, preliminary to the decennial headcount in 1980, indicate that the Frost Belt states may lose 11 seats in the House of Representatives as a result of declining population. In turn, the "lost" seats will go to the Sun Belt states and the Far West.

The surveys, made under legislation requiring estimates of the voting-age population for campaign spending purposes, suggest that New York will lose four Congressmen; Ohio and Illinois, two each; Pennsylvania, Michigan, South Dakota, one each. Gains are expected for Florida, Texas and California, two each; Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Tennessee, one each. The anticipated switch will give California 45 members in the House against 35 for New York.

Nearly 400 of the 435 Congressional districts may have to be redrawn, according to the surveys, due to population shifts within the states, especially from the big cities to the suburbs and rural areas. The total of 435 seats for the House remains unchanged.

CIA Sees Soviet on Economic Skids

Russia's economy is on a decline which will run into the 1980's, according to recently released testimony given to a joint Congressional committee by Stansfield Turner, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The gloomy outlook for the USSR, according to the CIA analysis, is based on the Soviet's rising resource costs, impending energy shortages, lack of skilled labor and sluggish productivity.

The past winter's weather took a heavy toll of agriculture; and the production of other key commodities such as steel, cement and fertilizers has been falling, Turner said.

He expects not only a serious decline in the Soviet's oil production in the next decade, but also shortfalls in the coal and nuclear power industries. Turner observed that Communist leaders are aware of Russia's poor productivity record, but the Soviet system is not designed to change easily.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Power Shifts—"We should throw overboard the simplistic notion that all federal spending for purposes of distributing income advances the cause of social justice. The sad fact is that many of the government's programs for transferring money end up—and quite by design—in shifting it to groups distinguished not by their plight, but by their raw political power." Ex-Secy. of Treasury **W. Michael Blumenthal**.

Not The Enemy—"... Government is not the enemy of the people—not in a democracy, not in a free society." Ex-Secy. of HEW **Joseph Califano**.

Benign Sun—"No foreign cartel can embargo solar energy or fix a price on it, and it is environmentally benign." White House adviser **Stuart Eizenstat**.

Not The Worst—"We do not live in the best of worlds. But let us never forget that neither is it the worst." Federal Reserve Chmn. **Paul Volcker**.

Seize Mideast Oil?—"That kind of approach is hard to characterize other than as aggression... It's always been justified as self-defense. I think we're not like that." Defense Secy. **Harold Brown**.

Strength From Weakness—"As anyone else, I have my strengths and weaknesses. But one of my strengths is that I know my weaknesses." White House Chief of Staff **Hamilton Jordan**.

Space Our Destiny—"The main thrust of what must be this nation's space policy can be summarized in one phrase: Our destiny is space." Sen. **Harrison Schmitt**, N. Mex.

Worried About Us—"The belief in the American security guarantee to Europe does not only stand on power. It stands especially on the trust of the Europeans in the political leadership, capability and calculability of the American President..." West German Parliament member **Alois Mertes**.

Wishing It Away—"Some bureaucrats delay on purpose, hoping the problem will go away." Asst. Commerce Secy. **Frank Weil**.

Wide and Thin—"Today, everybody professes to speak from facts without really having ascertained them... 'Knowledge' is spread so wide that it is wearing thin." Historian **Jacques Barzun**.

Biggest Problem—"How to strive for both peace and our moral principles; how to avoid nuclear war without succumbing to nuclear blackmail—this is the overwhelming problem of our period." Former Secy. of State **Henry Kissinger**.

Not Only Stalin—"The more I thought things over, the more I became convinced that we had embarked on the wrong road from the very beginning, that the way things turned out was not only Stalin's fault but mine, ours." Soviet dissident **Lev. Z. Kopelev**.

Credibility Is No. 1—"As one politician looking at all the other politicians guiding the fate of the world's nations, I believe there is no more important question than the credibility of our foreign policy." Sen. **John Heinz**, Penn.

Just A Breather?—"I don't know if we are seeing the end of the dictatorships. They may be just stepping out to get a breath of air." Ecuador's President **Jaime Roldos**.

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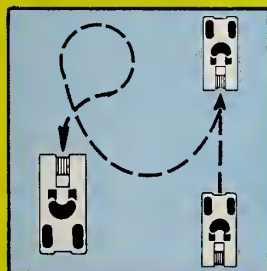
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Meet Frank I. Hamilton

National Commander of The American Legion 1979-80

Hoosier-born Frank Isgrigg Hamilton's election as the 61st National Commander of The American Legion gives the world's largest veterans organization firm, positive and dedicated leadership for 1979-80, a year that will test the nation and the Legion on many fronts.

He was swept into the Legion's highest office during the national convention in Houston, Texas.

He is the third Hoosier chosen to lead The American Legion, tracing the footsteps of Paul V. McNutt (1928-29) and George N. Craig (1949-50).

A third generation native-born Hoosier, Hamilton and his family make their home in Greensburg, Indiana, where he is a practicing attorney.

He describes himself as "a small town country lawyer" in general practice. This and his background and experience gives him a "grass roots" view of problems facing his community, state, nation and the Legion.

During his commandership, Hamilton perceives safeguarding the Veterans Administration from cannibalism by other federal agencies as perhaps the Legion's most pressing concern for the immediate future.

"What happens to the VA's educational benefits for veterans if a new Department of Education is created?" he asked. "Does this mean that this vital program for veterans will be lost in a new federal maze? Not if the Legion fights it all the way."

He said the Legion can't stand pat on a reasonably comfortable relationship with Congress at present.

"We must enlarge The American Legion's credibility and integrity with Congress," he added. "This is important to every Legionnaire. We must be constantly alert to how a national health care program will affect the Veterans Administration's hospital and medical care program. The VA hospital system must not be absorbed into any national health care plan. VA hospitals must remain as they are, dedicated to the health and

well-being of the men and women who served the nation in time of war."

Hamilton takes a dim view of the Salt II treaty now before the Senate for ratification. He is unalterably opposed to the treaty if it dilutes national security and gives military advantage to the Soviet Union.

"National security must be uppermost in the minds of all Americans," he continued. "The American Legion is mandated to fight for a U.S. military posture second to none in this world and I pledge that national security will be one of the cornerstones of my stewardship as National Commander. We can't have a positive foreign policy without the military strength to back it up."

With national, state and local elections coming up in 1980, Hamilton said the Legion will focus on a "get out the vote" campaign, terming apathy at the polls in past elections as a "national tragedy".

"I believe every Legionnaire, regardless of his or her personal political beliefs, has a duty to vote for the candidate of his or her choice," he continued. "I believe it is a national shame when only 40 to 50 percent of those Americans eligible to vote turn out at the polls on election day. We have to turn this around."

Hamilton was born Jan. 6, 1923, the second son of Frank (Daddy) Hamilton and the former Mary Frances (Midge) Isgrigg. His brother, William Everett Hamilton, resides in Terre Haute, Ind.

He said that his father and grandfather, William Harrison (Tide) Isgrigg, "had more influence on my life than any other American".

His great grandparents migrated from Nicholas County, Kentucky, to Fugit Township in Decatur County, Indiana, in 1822, making the trip in 11 days by covered wagon.

These hardy pioneers, his father, mother and grandfather, "helped shape my life," Hamilton recalls. His father was a prominent attorney and judge in Indiana.

A graduate of Wiley High School

in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1940, Hamilton enrolled at Indiana University, receiving a B.S. degree in business in 1947. Hamilton used the GI Bill of Rights during his senior year at Indiana University and for his graduate work at the university leading to his law degree in 1951.

While at the university, Hamilton met his wife-to-be, the former Ethel Fitzhugh Dawson, on a blind date.

"An army buddy was going to visit me on the campus," he recalled. "Ethel and her room-mate had four tickets to the Indiana-Purdue football game, the famous 'Old Oaken Bucket' rivalry at Lafayette and we quickly accepted their invitation to join them on a double date at the game and we had a great time."

The Hamiltons have six children, Frank Jr., 30, Mary Watts, 29, Blair Watts, 27, Jane, 25, Robert, 20, and Elizabeth, 16.

Their oldest son, Frank Jr., also a graduate of Indiana University, is an attorney and is a law partner with his father. He is married to Susan Jackson, who is originally from Washington, D. C.

Son Robert attends Indiana University.

Mary and Blair are married to brothers, Steve and Mike Watts, both of whom are Vietnam war veterans. The Hamiltons have two (2) grandchildren.

Jane is a house parent at the Indiana Soldiers & Sailors Children's Home at Knightstown, Indiana.

The Hamiltons are a close-knit family and avid fans of the outdoors. When the children were younger, the family would take frequent camping trips.

As the children grew older, Frank and Ethel became partial to mobile-home traveling. In fact, they drove their mobile home to Seattle and Denver for the 1976 and 1977 conventions.

Frank Hamilton is a Civil War history buff, and took his three oldest children to Gettysburg, Pa., for the 100th anniversary of the historic

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How We Lose Wars

Is the U.S. Defenseless? A Respected General Says We Are

By Gen. Lewis W. Walt
USMC (Retired)

It's a fact. If the leaders of the Soviet Union decided to destroy us tomorrow or next month, there is nothing the United States government could do to stop them except surrender.

Think about it. We have no civil defense. We have no antiballistic missile system. We don't even have a credible defense against Soviet bombers or MIG-23s based in Cuba. Most of our air defense radar has been dismantled or converted to civilian use. The Air Force has been left with just over 300 fighter-interceptors to guard the entire nation.

No generation of Americans has ever before been so recklessly placed

at the mercy of so pitiless and powerful an enemy. The last defense, a strategic nuclear arms force strong enough to deter Soviet aggression, has been allowed to deteriorate to the point that it no longer represents a viable deterrent. For the first time, a nuclear first strike is now a realistic option for Soviet planners.

There are no incoming missiles in our skies because the Soviet leaders believe that with patience they can, in a short time, force us to surrender without a war. I am not talking about some date in the distant future, but some date within the next three to five years. Their ultimatum, when it comes, will present an American President with the terrible choice between a thermonuclear war which would destroy us but not the Soviet Union, and surrender of the American people to an oligarchy of tyrants whose viciousness and brutality have no match in the long history of man's cruelty.

Such a prospect strikes most Americans as an impossibility. It is not an impossibility. It has become a probability, and if the SALT II treaty is ratified, it will become a certainty.

SALT II is the climax of over 30 years of wrong thinking, timid leadership, refusal to recognize reality,

and plain cowardice that has propelled the United States from a position of unquestioned superiority and safety to its present position of military inferiority, economic weakness, spiritual malaise, and peril.

We have very little time left in which to save our freedom and our nation. The immediate goal must be the defeat of SALT II in the U.S. Senate. The Panama Canal treaties were a grave error, but not a fatal one. Ratification of SALT II will be the last nail in the coffin of the American people.

Some of you must be asking, "Can this really be true? Is the U.S. really weaker than the Soviet Union? Are our nuclear forces truly no longer a deterrent? Could the Soviets actually win a nuclear war? Could the United States be defeated by Soviet conventional forces in Europe or the Middle East? Is nuclear blackmail a real possibility? Could our economy be devastated by a Soviet-backed cutoff of oil and other minerals? Is our Navy too weak to keep open the sea lanes?"

Well, the answers to all of those questions is, "Yes," and the answer to why you didn't already know it is, "Your politicians have been hiding the truth." In my book, *"The Elev-*

enth Hour," I answer each of those questions in detail. I also put the present situation into the context of what has been happening for the past 39 years. I tell you who made the key decisions and why.

In the space the editors of your magazine have graciously provided me, I hope to briefly summarize the situation and suggest some ways you, Americans of proven courage and loyalty, can help the nation for which you have already sacrificed so much. In fact, it is you to whom my book is addressed.

First, we must stop SALT II. I am leading a drive to collect one million signatures on petitions urging the Senate to reject the treaty and I hope you will join that effort by writing

This magnanimous offer was flatly rejected by the Soviet Union as was the offer of Marshal Plan aid. To the public, it marked the beginning of the Cold War but to those few honest students of communism it only reaffirmed what they had been saying all along—that the Soviet Union was bent on world conquest.

Today, SALT II is only a part of the Soviet plan for world conquest. They hope it will accomplish the same two goals SALT I accomplished—to freeze us into a position of military inferiority and to provide a psychological weapon with which they can prevent us from taking the right steps to save ourselves.

It was "in the spirit of SALT" that our disarmament lobby and

lieve either of those apply. I think the answer is much more simple—so simple, in fact, most of us failed to recognize it.

Let's look at a few basic concepts. A nation is nothing more than a collection of individuals and the sum of their individual decisions determine the fate of the nation. Similarly, a government is also a collection of individuals and government policy is nothing more than the effect of their individual decisions.

Unfortunately, no matter how great and grave the decisions to be made, the only people available to make them are ordinary human beings. There is no magic elite of people with divine knowledge, though there is an elite of wealthy and educated people who act as if they had divine knowledge.

Since World War II, virtually all foreign policy decisions have been made by men who are members of or servants of the Eastern Establishment, that loosely defined group of people characterized by great wealth and global interests. These are the men who compose what Sen. Daniel Moynihan calls "... the interlocking elites" which set American foreign policy.

Their decisions, like all decisions, reflect not only their assessment of a given set of circumstances but also

The Soviets believe they can force America to quit without war

their personal value systems and their basic beliefs about the nature of the world.

I have seen on many battlefields young men make the decision to sacrifice their lives. Their decisions reflected their values and beliefs. They chose death, not because they did not value life, but because they valued other things—a buddy's life, their sense of duty, their love of country—more than their own lives.

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and Peace

your own senators.

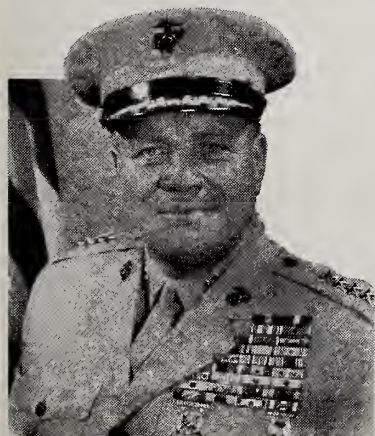
Those of us who have observed and studied the Soviet Union are not fooled by their doubletalk. Most young SALT II supporters don't remember or know about the Baruch Plan of 1947, a Super SALT Agreement which would have ended the nuclear arms race once and for all. At that time, even though the U.S. had a nuclear monopoly and could have commanded the world, we offered to turn over to an international agency all of our atomic weapons and all of our nuclear technology to be used solely for peaceful purposes.

weak leaders: (1) halted production of Minute Man III; (2) slowed the production of the Trident program; (3) killed the B-1 bomber; (4) cut Navy ship building in half; (5) decided to delay deployment of the neutron warhead; and (6) delayed work on both the cruise and mobile missile systems.

The mobile missile system which President Carter belatedly authorized in the hope of winning votes for SALT II will not be ready for deployment until 1989. That's about seven years too late. Long before then, the Soviets will be able to knock out our land-based missiles, most of our bombers and half of our submarines and still have enough nuclear reserves for second, third and fourth strikes.

The one weapons system which could be quickly produced to offset their current superiority, the cruise missile, is severely limited by the SALT II agreement. No wonder the Soviets and the Communist Party of the U.S. are waging an all-out campaign for ratification! SALT II will do only what the Naval Treaty of 1922 did—lead to war.

How can American leaders be so wrong? Is there treason to be found? Is there a conspiracy? No, I don't be-



Gen. Lewis W. Walt, USMC (Ret)



Dad and His Flying Machines

Yanks Flew for France in Famed World War I Lafayette Escadrille

Lt. Willis Bradley Haviland stands by his sea plane at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Porto Corsini, Italy in 1918.

By Barbara H. Lamm

This "Early Bird"* was tall, dark and handsome, and had a dashing moustache—until he found it could get cold enough up there for icicles to form on it. The writer, Herbert Molly Mason, Jr. said of him:

"Willis (Bradley) Haviland, a square-shouldered, erect, barrel-chested, smiling Adonis from (Minneapolis) MN...was easily the handsomest man in the squadron and the Beau Brummel of the outfit."

It was in 1916 that my father, at the age of 25, transferred from the volunteer ambulance service to the Franco-American Flying Corps. In a short time he was to become one of the original members of a flying squadron that would never be forgotten.

On May 20, 1916, he wrote a friend:

"You have perhaps read of the new American Escadrille, flying fast

'Baby Nieuport' machines with 13-meter spread of wing. There are at present eight pilots serving at Verdun. There are to be 20 in all, I am No. 16, and we will join up soon."

This was the beginning of the famed Lafayette Escadrille, which served France until the United States entered the First World War.

In reference to the financial status of the pilots, Dad used to say, "The French paid us off in medals." However, these young gallants didn't suffer long. They were generously subsidized by William K. Vanderbilt, who felt strongly that America should actively support the Allies. The squadron was housed in a villa and soon won the reputation of having the best food and wine anywhere.

They also had the most unique mascots in the service—two lion cubs named Whiskey and Soda. According to my father, Whiskey was the more gentle of the two, in spite of the fact that he had lost an eye from an accidental blow on the head. It appears that he assisted in playing tricks on unsuspecting visitors.



Lafayette Escadrille members Didier Masson (left), Willis Bradley Haviland and Gervais Raul Lufbery in 1916.

* The Early Birds: An organization of the first fliers in the world which my father joined in 1929.

As the story goes, after being wined and dined, the guest would be taken for a drive around the base. Whiskey, who learned to play his part with gusto, would lie quietly on the floorboard of the vehicle until he received his cue to climb onto the back seat and emit a loud roar. The shaken passenger would turn around to find his head in the jaws of a lion, and have to be carried back to the villa to be revived with a Lafayette Cocktail.

For many reasons, a visit to the Lafayette Escadrille was long remembered!

But it was not all fun and games. Lafayette Escadrille pilots received ground instruction, but were virtually left to their own devices in the air. The best of planes were flimsy by today's standards, and there were no parachutes. Also, at this time, the machine guns of the Allies were not synchronized with the propellers and it took a great deal of skill to maneuver the aircraft while using them. Asked what a pilot could do if his plane got in serious trouble, Dad would reply, "We had a choice—go down with it, or jump!" It was a grim decision for a person.

The situation proved fatal for the famous Escadrille ace, Raoul Gervais Lufbery, whose Nieuport, on

May 19, 1918, caught on fire in aerial combat. Streaking through the air like a human torch, he fell into the garden of a French peasant in the town of Maron. A plaque was erected there in his memory.

The Lafayette Escadrille became the first U.S. pursuit squadron in the war

Fortunately, there was occasionally a lighter side to plane crashes. In my father's scrap book is a picture of his plane having an unhappy landing in a tree. What was left of it looked like a scattered stack of kindling. The caption under the picture reads: "Damn it, I sprained my thumb!"

Dad was wounded only once and his correspondence indicates that it was not a time of mourning. On May 22, 1917, he wrote:

"Have been in the hospital for some few days with a bad leg and while here the doctor is overhauling my plumbing, valves, etc. Yesterday Bob Rockwell flew over and dropped a bundle of letters for me. Thought

from the joyous way in which he handled his 'boat' that it must be 'good news.' Sure enough it was 'States Mail.'"

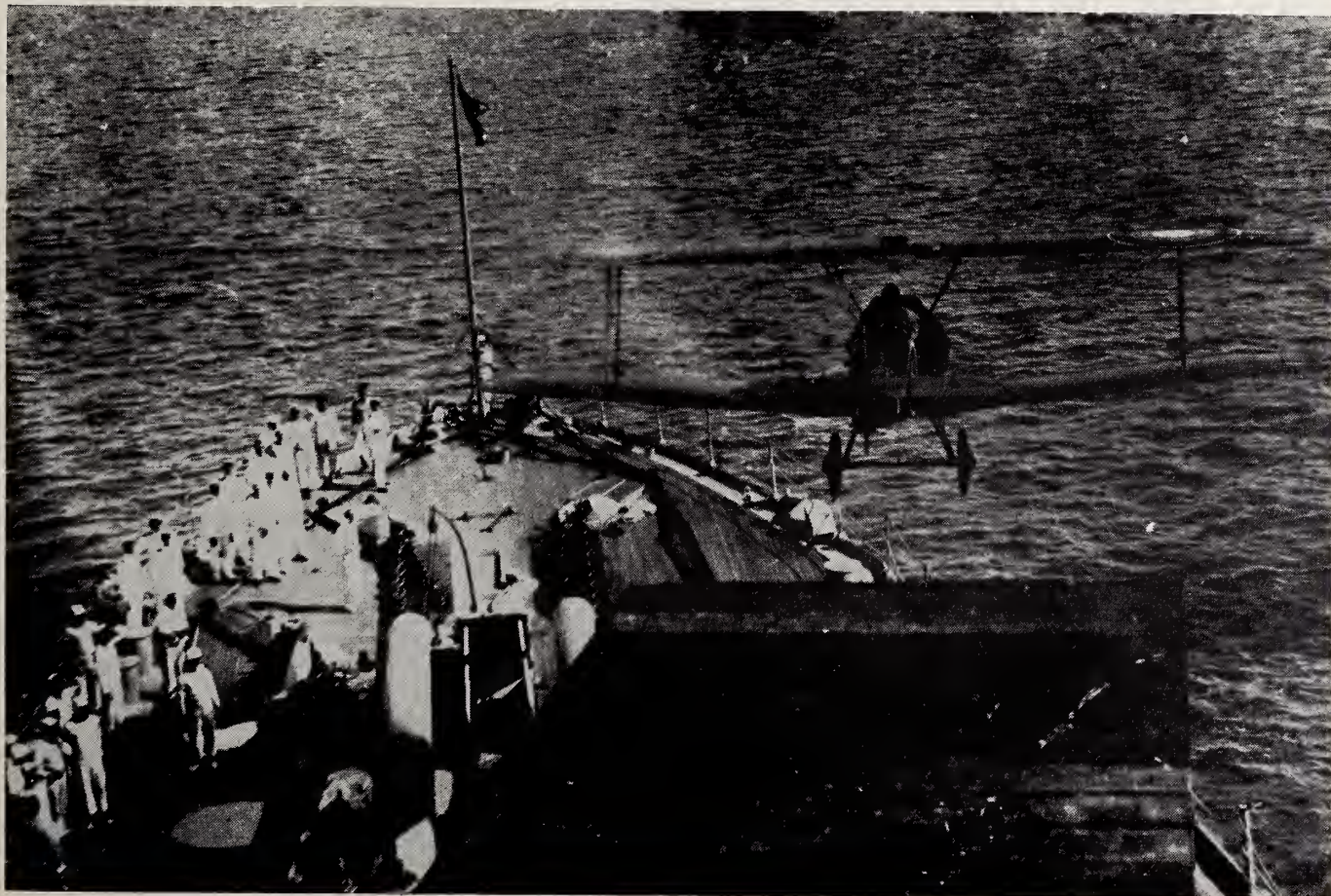
"The hospital is run by Mrs. Depert, located in a large chateau seven miles from Ham. The doctor is a peach, American, and the nurses English and I only have seven, so what I lack in the way of medical attention is made up for in other ways—but then this won't interest you."

When the United States entered the war, the Escadrille fliers had many lengthy debates and bull sessions about their military status. They realized that their first duty was to their own country. On February 18, 1918, with the agreement of the French and American armies, the Lafayette Escadrille became the 103rd Pursuit Squadron of the U.S. Air Service, and the first American pursuit squadron at the front.

The pilots were allowed to keep their Spad planes and striking Sioux Indian Head Insignia (which was

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Haviland lifts his Sopwith plane from platform mounted on guns of the USS Texas at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 1919.



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THE WEATHER

Rain today and probably tomorrow; somewhat colder tomorrow.

Temperature: Yesterday: Max. 51, Min. 47. 7-day & Weather Forecast: For details see Page 61.

It's Memory Honored by Day Fete on Ships

At sea and in port celebrated Navy Day yesterday, though major land celebrations were held on Sunday, the day of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt. Similar ceremonies ships were reserved for those who were kept by ships and the public was invited to them. Flags appropriate were broken out on all ships, and even some in the harbor.

EUROPE IS DISTURBED BY AMERICAN ACTION ON OCCUPATION DEBT

London Urges an Explanation of Move for Direct Payments by Germany.

STOCK PRICES SLUMP \$14,000,000,000 IN NATION-WIDE STAMPEDE TO UNLOAD; BANKERS TO SUPPORT MARKET TODAY

Sixteen Leading Issues Down \$2,893,520,108;
Tel. & Tel. and Steel Among Heaviest Losers

Shrinkage of \$2,893,520,108 in the open market value of the sixteen representative companies resulted from yesterday's trading on the New York Stock Exchange. American Telephone and Telegraph was the heaviest loser, topped off of its total value. United States Steel was second.

PREMIER ISSUES HARD HIT

Unexpected Torrent of Liquidation

The Day the Market Crashed

Fifty years ago our nation suffered one of its greatest economic disasters.

By Lynwood Mark Rhodes

PHOTOS: BROWN BROS.



There was panic on Wall Street as the crash of the stock market in 1929 jolted the nation's economy.

In the autumn of 1929 hundreds of thousands of Americans were convinced that the millennium was about to arrive—if it hadn't already. President Hoover said that the country was "nearer to the final triumph over poverty than ever before in the history of any land." And if some people still didn't have "a chicken in every pot and two cars in every garage," as the President said they should, it was most likely the fault of an incompetent stock broker.

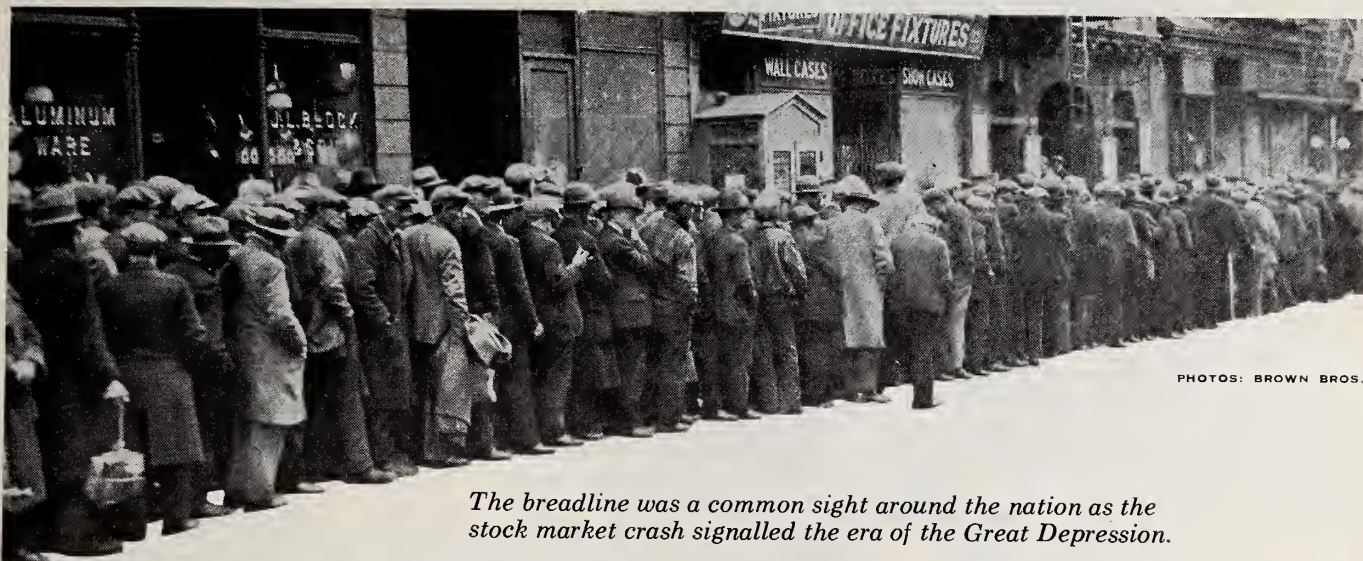
After all, it took so little to buy stock—only 10 per cent down. The collateral for the remaining 90 per cent was the stock itself, but when it rose in price, as it surely would, the increase in value would soon eliminate the debt to the broker.

If you didn't believe it, all you had to do was glance back at the market reports. General Electric was up from 129 in March 1928 to 396 in September 1929. Union Carbide had leaped from 145 to 414, Westinghouse from 92 to 313. And RCA? Well, infant Radio was the prodigy of Wall Street.

From its debut on the Big Board in 1924 at 27 per share, it had soared to an adjusted price of 505—without ever paying a dividend!

Most Americans hadn't even known what a ticker tape looked like just a few months before, but all they talked about now was "Big Steel," "call money," "Motors," and the "rediscount rate," dropping the words as casually as they did their bootleggers' names. As well they should. "Stock prices have reached what looks like a permanently high plateau," reassuringly predicted Professor Irving Fisher of Yale. A few spoilsports disagreed. "Factories will shut down, men will be thrown out of work, the result will be a serious depression. Sooner or later a crash is coming," warned economist Roger Babson.

And, admittedly, the Big Bull had behaved rather rambunctiously in recent weeks, as though someone was shorting his oats. On September 3rd he had turned upward, then bolted downward in an unsettling stampede



PHOTOS: BROWN BROS.

The breadline was a common sight around the nation as the stock market crash signalled the era of the Great Depression.

that had scared the grins from the faces of many speculators and burned the fingers of countless others who were unable to answer the call for more margin. But "the most astonishing feature of the market," as one financial wizard pointed out, "is its wonderful vitality, its ability to come back, to get up after being knocked down."

"It was all so easy," Frederick Lewis Allen explained in retrospect. "The gateway to fortune stood wide open."

On Thursday, October 24th, the gate slammed shut.

It began like any other trading day, but it soon became evident that this wasn't to be an ordinary day. At 10:30 a.m. enormous blocks of stocks

weeks before, had opened at 315, then slid to 283.

By 11:30, the floor of the Exchange was in chaos. The ticker was now 48 minutes late. Brokers surged around the posts, flailing the air with scraps of paper and shouting their orders as breathless page boys rushed up and slapped new ones into their hands.

As news of the decline spread, mobs of people from Bangor to San Diego, from Seattle to Tampa, converged on their brokerage offices, jostling one another for a better look at the ticker. Telephone lines everywhere were tied up with inquiries. "Where do I stand?" men bellowed. Then, as the dread "no bid" became commonplace, they didn't wait for an answer, but shouted, "Sell at any price!" There was no alternative. With stocks being unloaded in 40,000-share blocks, no one could explain what was happening, why the market had suddenly broken wide open.

The steady roar from the Exchange floor could be heard outside, and shoving, milling crowds were beginning to gather on Wall Street. Rumors were as rife as bootleg gin—and just about as unsavory. The Chicago and Buffalo exchanges were failing and a wave of suicides was sweeping the country. Supposedly, 11 well-known speculators had already killed themselves, and when someone in the crowd spotted a repairman working atop a Wall Street skyscraper, the crowd was betting he would make the count an even dozen. One British correspondent, caught up in the mood of the moment, wired his London editor: "Lower Broadway covered with corpses!"

Around noon, the crowd spotted

Charles E. Mitchell, chairman of the National City Bank, hurrying into the august offices of J. P. Morgan and Company directly opposite the Stock Exchange. Soon, he was followed by other bankers, including senior partner Thomas W. Lamont standing in for the vacationing head of the House of Morgan. News of the meeting registered almost immediately on the Exchange floor and prices steadied somewhat. Old-timers recalled that a similar meeting had saved the market 22 years before during the panic of 1907.

Twenty minutes later, Lamont called reporters to his office and history repeated itself. "There has been a little distress selling on the Stock Exchange due to a technical condition of the market," he calmly an-

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**For nearly three years
... the market was to
continue to slide and
stumble, day after day,
month after month.**

hit the market—13,000 shares of Packard Motors, 20,000 shares of Kennecott Copper, 15,000 shares of Sinclair Oil. Almost at once the ticker lagged behind the actual trading on the floor, and by 11:00, when the rush to sell became a frenzied scramble, it was 30 minutes late. Traders could only guess at prices, but they were tumbling at an amazing rate. The last reported bid of U.S. Steel was 190, off 15 points. General Electric, selling for 400 a few

From "Buddy Can You Spare a Dime" to corner apple stands became a way of life during the depression.

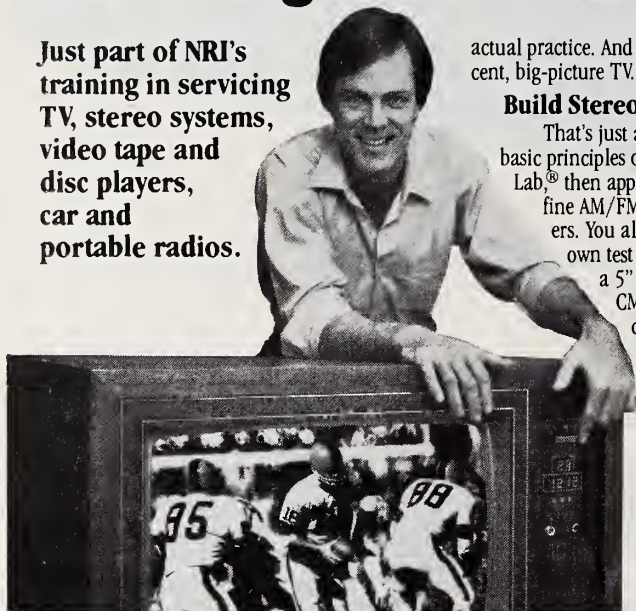


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Letters

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• As a Legion member I would not criticize those who live dangerously as described in "The Bull Riders" (July.) But as a member of the humane society, I regret that the writer did not mention that horses with bucking straps and roped calves in rodeos often suffer pain and injuries; sometimes they must be destroyed. Riders should seek thrills, fame, and fortune in a different sport.

CLYDE FARRAR
Warrensburg, N. Y.

• Each month I await eagerly the arrival of The American Legion Magazine. Not only are the articles both interesting and newsworthy, but the humor makes our magazine outstanding. On Page 31 of the August issue the photo of The Last Man's Club of Luke Greenway Post 1, Phoenix, Ariz., is exceptional. The four comrades are in fine form for being in their 80's. It is said "a picture is worth a thousand words." So true in this instance! Keep up the outstanding work.

FRED A. YUGGI
Syracuse, N. Y.

• Not having had an opportunity to read The American Legion Magazine for three years because of extensive travel in the Far East, I am agreeably surprised, on receipt of the July issue, to see the overall improvement in appearance and editorial quality. In particular, I enjoyed Paul Nitze's position in "Today's Biggest Issue: SALT II." For America, this treaty poses many dangers that I trust can be resolved. Congratulations on the magazine's "forward leap."

M. KAMEL
Zurich, Switzerland

• The purpose of this letter is to tell you that The American Legion Magazine, in my opinion, is one of the best publications in the U. S. The articles are fascinating and thoroughly comprehensive in so much detail. Further the tone is patriotically American, which quality is so often missing in the editorial approach of many other publications in our country. I just thought I should pass on my appreciation of your efforts.

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William Wescott
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

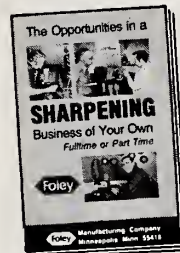


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Books

How We Lose Wars

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Tiger Jack, by Hanson W. Baldwin. OLD ARMY PRESS, \$10.95. A biography of the late Maj. Gen. John S. Wood, commander of the 4th Armored Division in WWII, whose ability to lead and inspire men set him apart as the kind of commanding officer under whom most soldiers would like to serve.

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Willie's Time, by Charles Einstein. LIPPINCOTT PUB., \$9.95. The popularity that was generated by the baseball career of player Willie Mays is viewed as to its effect on race relations from the Truman to the Nixon eras.

Gordon Gammack: Columns from Three Wars, edited by Andrea Clardy. THE IOWA STATE UNIV. PRESS. \$10.95. A look at the American fighting man over a 25-year period through the collected columns of a reporter who covered WWII, Korea and Vietnam for two Des Moines, Iowa newspapers.

Merchants of Grain, by Dan Morgan. VIKING PRESS, \$14.95. A work of investigative reporting that possibly would make villains of the world's five major grain companies. The book is of interest because it covers an area of commerce and a group of entrepreneurs with whom many will not be familiar.

Weapons of the Third Reich, by Terry Gander and Peter Chamberlain. DOUBLEDAY, \$25. An encyclopedia of the small arms, artillery and special weapons used by the German land forces in WWII, with some 100 accompanying photos of these weapons.

To put it bluntly, too many of our decision-makers have valued other things more than freedom and more than their country. And that is why we are in the sorry mess we are in today. Most of these decision-makers are materialists.

It is no accident that I have just described American foreign policy since 1945, for the true foreign policy of the United States, as opposed to those policies which were publicly proclaimed from time to time, has been based on the premise of avoiding at all costs a serious confrontation with the Soviet Union.

Like the men who made the decisions, the policy reflects their materialistic values.

Once you recognize that we have two foreign policies—one public, which proclaimed traditional values of freedom and willingness to oppose aggression—and one private, which can be summed up as appeasement—then the events of the last four decades make sense.

The Berlin Airlift, which was presented to the American public as a decisive response to the Soviet blockade, was in fact an evasion of confrontation. Instead of smashing through the illegal blockade, we flew over it.

When I landed in Korea, first as commander of the 5th Marine Regiment, I certainly believed in our publicly proclaimed policy of punishing communist aggression. So did Gen. Douglas MacArthur. He was fired and the rest of us were disillusioned. It soon became apparent that our real policy was to accept a costly stalemate rather than risk a wider war.

In retrospect, I believe it was no accident that we fought for the first time under the command of the United Nations. Events proved it was a perfect instrument for enforcing the stalemate which our foreign policy experts had decided to accept.

I was required, for example, to submit plans of attack to U.N. headquarters 24 hours in advance. I soon discovered that the Chinese were always waiting for us. On one occasion, one of my radiomen intercepted a Chinese message indicating an attack was planned on my sector of the line. I did not notify U.N. headquarters. Instead, I planned a surprise for the Chinese which cost them about 1,000 attackers. The next morning, I

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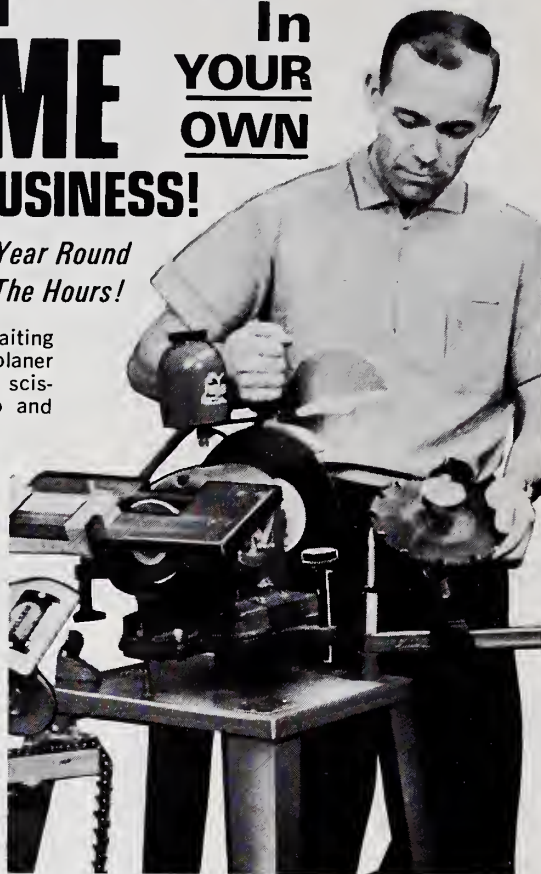
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ning a war with the Soviet Union, Soviet leaders would become easier to live with.

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The Soviets naturally had never agreed to seek nuclear parity. No doubt astounded by the stupidity of our policy, they began the most massive and intense arms buildup in human history. This is the key decision which has brought us to our present peril. This is the decision which is the father of SALT I and SALT II.

We have now come full circle. A deliberate policy of appeasement based on a cowardly fear of the Soviet Union has evolved into the insane notion of unilateral disarmament and reliance on pieces of paper to preserve and protect our children.

In these policies you can see all the fear, timidity and greed of the materialistic philosophy which is so obsessed with finding the cheapest, safest path that it ends up blinding its believers from seeing reality.

The foreign policy elitists are naked failures. We did exactly what they said we should do. We avoided confrontation, we practiced appeasement, we gave up nuclear superiority. And now the results are plainly visible. The world is littered with corpses of people who put their trust in the United States. Out of 151 nations in the U.N., fewer than 25 can be called free. Communist powers control the heart of the Euro-Asian land mass and are aggressively outflanking the West in the Middle East, Africa and the Caribbean. The Soviet leaders did not get easier to live with. They became more hostile, more aggressive, more powerful, and more dangerous. United States prestige, influence, military and economic strength are all at record lows. The United Nations has become an open hotbed of anti-Americanism, espionage and hypocrisy. Foreign cartels openly declare war on American consumers.

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1. We must regain strategic military superiority. This is the only way to avoid falling victim to nuclear blackmail and to prevent our enemies from trying a first-strike attack.

2. We must build a strong combination of strategic defenses. The only way our offensive weapons can act as

7. We must disengage from the United Nations and other world organizations which have become hostile to the United States. Once free of this burden, we can form new relationships with like-minded nations.

8. We must amend the Constitution to forbid deficit spending except in time of national emergency in order to cure the cancer of inflation.

9. We must strengthen the independence of state and local governments as insurance against the loss of liberty from within.

10. Finally, we must reestablish our spiritual strength by rejecting materialism and those leaders who have lost their faith in God, country, and the American people.



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a deterrent is for the Soviets to know that we can survive a nuclear exchange and continue to fight.

3. We must greatly strengthen our conventional forces so that we can keep the sea lanes open, project our power, and if necessary, fight and win a non-nuclear war.

4. We must restore our security and intelligence-gathering capability. Spy satellites have a role to play, but they are no substitute for trained and dedicated men and women.

5. We must cut off the flow of technology and credit to the communist powers. Stopping this increasing flow of technology, machines, food, and money would be the most damaging blow we can strike short of military action.

6. We must establish an honest, open foreign policy based clearly on the national interests of the American people.

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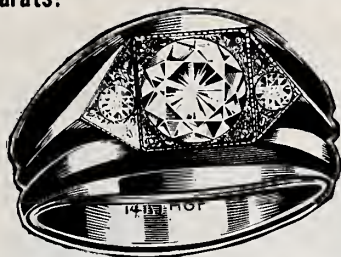
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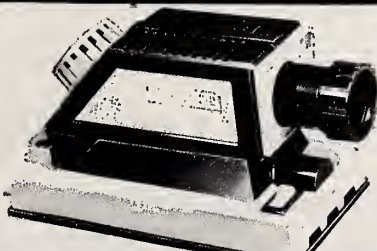


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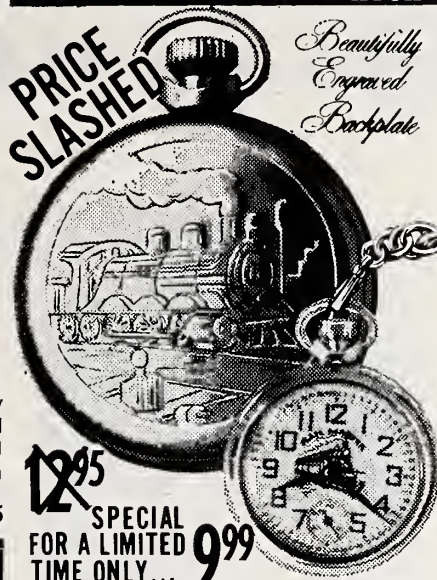


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From Age 55 through 59	8,280.00	6,900.00	5,520.00	4,140.00	2,760.00	1,380.00
From Age 60 through 64	5,520.00	4,600.00	3,680.00	2,760.00	1,840.00	920.00
From Age 65 through 69	3,450.00	2,875.00	2,300.00	1,725.00	1,150.00	575.00
From Age 70* through 74	2,277.00	1,897.50	1,518.00	1,138.50	759.00	379.50
Age 75* and over	1,725.00	1,437.50	1,150.00	862.50	575.00	287.50
Partial Premium to send with application during October only**	\$24	\$20	\$16	\$12	\$8	\$4

* No person age 70 or over (including those desiring additional coverage) will be accepted for new insurance.

****PARTIAL PREMIUM TO SEND WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** Two sets of premium amounts are shown above. The annual premium at the head of each column is the amount you will begin to pay as of January 1, 1980. The partial premium at the bottom of each column is the amount to send with applications received by the Adminis-

trator during October and effective November 1, 1979. The Partial Premium Chart below shows the exact amount of premium to send with your application according to the month your application is received by the Administrator. Any overpayments will be refunded. Premiums for non-approved applications will be refunded in full.

EFFECTIVE DATE Your insurance becomes effective on the first day of the month coinciding with or next following the date your application is received in the office of the Administrator, subject to Insurance Company approval.

While insured you will receive a renewal notice well in advance of the January 1 annual renewal date. Insurance may be maintained in force by payment of premiums when due.

Month Application Received by Administrator	PARTIAL PREMIUM to send with your application is shown below and provides protection throughout 1979.					
	AMOUNTS TO BE REMITTED FOR:					
	6 Units	5 Units	4 Units	3 Units	2 Units	1 Unit
January	\$132	\$110	\$88	\$66	\$44	\$22
February	120	100	80	60	40	20
March	108	90	72	54	36	18
April	96	80	64	48	32	16
May	84	70	56	42	28	14
June	72	60	48	36	24	12
July	60	50	40	30	20	10
August	48	40	32	24	16	8
September	36	30	24	18	12	6
October	24	20	16	12	8	4
November	12	10	8	6	4	2
December	144	120	96	72	48	24

IF YOU LIVE in FL, IL, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PR, TX, or WI send for special application. Applications and benefits vary slightly in some states. Make check or money order payable to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan.

A REMINDER BEFORE YOU MAIL YOUR APPLICATION. Have you indicated the correct number of units and signed your application in the space(s) on your application? Have you enclosed your check for the correct amount of Partial Premium? If you are applying for additional insurance, have you provided your existing certificate or policy number?

MAIL TO:

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Application Subject to Underwriter's Approval

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The Message Center

VOLUNTEER STAMP PROGRAM FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS NEEDS SUPPORT . . . "Stamps for the Wounded," a volunteer program started for wounded service people during World War II, is alive but needs your support . . . The organization is recognized by both the American Red Cross and the VA as the sole agency accredited to serve the philatelic needs of hospitalized service men and women. So don't throw away domestic and foreign stamps such as commemorative and revenue, envelopes with special postmarks, first-day covers, first air-mail flights, etc., but send them to National Chairman, Stamps for the Wounded, Herman L. Neugass, 4201 Cathedral Avenue N.W., Apt. 815W, Washington D.C. 20016 . . . He will see that your contributions are distributed to VA hospitals. Please don't send common U.S. postage stamps that are in everyday use. (The address was previously reported incorrectly; this is the correct address.)

SENATE VETS BILL SIGNED . . . President Carter has signed into law a bill establishing a new psychological counseling program for Vietnam veterans . . . The bill also empowers the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees to approve or disapprove the construction or leasing of VA hospitals, authorized outpatient treatment for veterans in community-based drug and alcohol abuse facilities and made other changes in VA health programs . . . Estimated cost of this 5-year authorization is \$256.8 million.

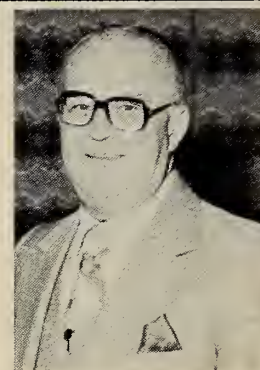
REFLECTIONS ON 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF GI BILL . . . The GI bill, a historic piece of legislation spearheaded by The American Legion, is 35 years old and its education and home loan provisions have been good for America as well as for America's veterans . . . The Veterans Administration says the bill represents an investment of \$48.3 billion in public money providing education and training for 17.6 million veterans of military service during World War II, the Korean conflict, the post-Korean period and the Vietnam era . . . On June 22, 1944, when President Roosevelt signed the "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944" into law, neither he nor the 78th Congress which passed it thought of it as an investment . . . Their emphasis was on giving "emphatic notice to the men and women of our Armed Forces that the American people did not intend to let them down."

MAJORITY OF VETERAN POPULATION MOVING INTO 60 YEAR AND OLDER AGE BRACKET. This

means that the VA is going to have to begin assigning a higher priority to the field of geriatric medicine since there are 650,000 WWI vets (average age, 83) and 13.5 million WWII vets (average age, 60) who are eligible for VA hospital care . . . To prepare the VA to handle senior veteran medical treatment, Margaret M. Heckler (R-Mass.) has proposed a bill in Congress which will do three things: dramatically expand and accelerate medical research into the diseases and afflictions of older Americans; set up community-based clinics where veterans who are senior citizens can be treated on an in-patient or out-patient basis; and provide for training of an adequate number of medical personnel in the field of geriatric medicine . . . At this writing, approval of the "Veteran Senior Citizen Health Care Act of 1979" seems likely.

RALPH E. HALL HAS BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE VETERANS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (VES)

. . . VES identifies policies and programs to serve and meet the employment, unemployment assistance and training needs of veterans. It also assures there will be adequate counseling, testing and job placement service available . . . Previously Hall served as deputy director of the VES and reported directly to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment.



Ralph E. Hall

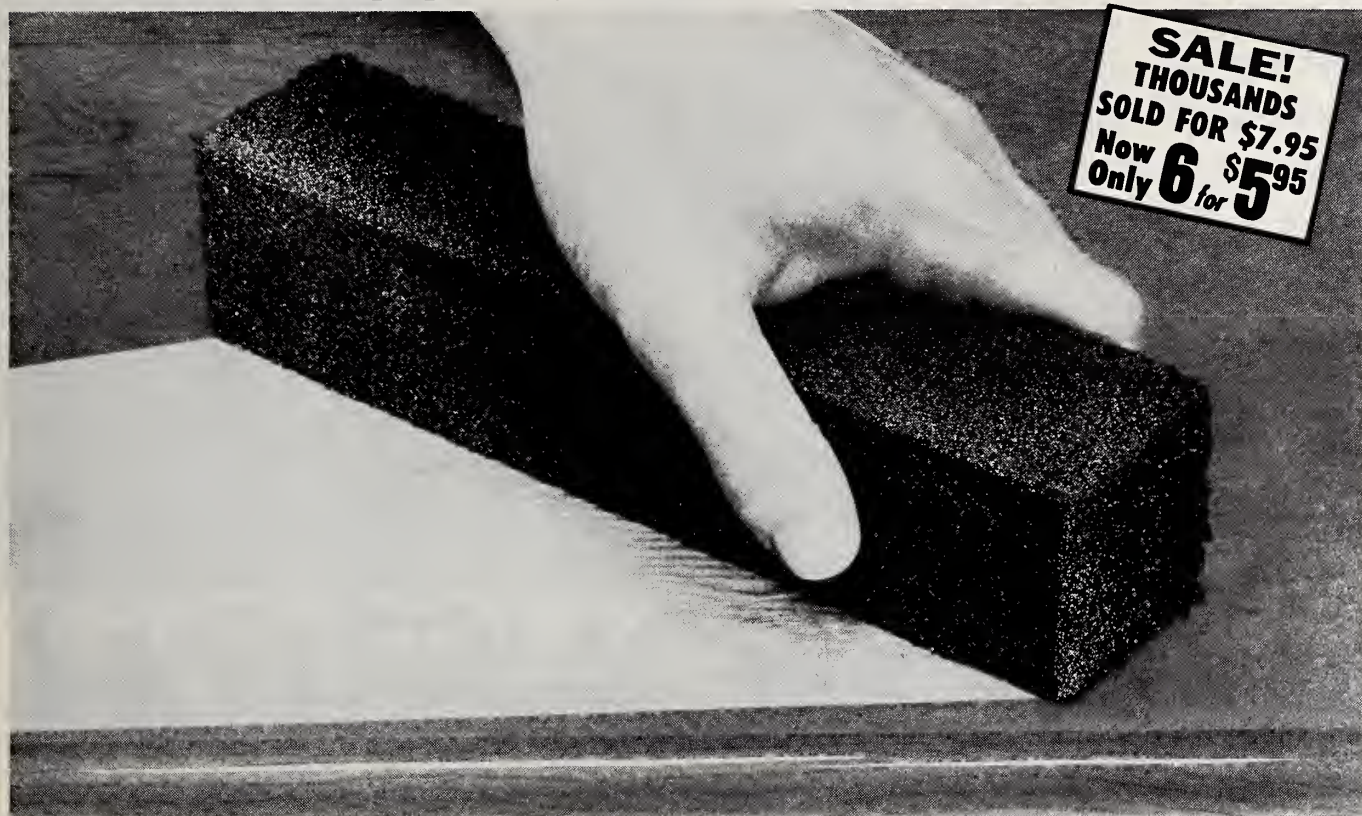
REMINDER ON PENSIONS CIRCULATED BY VA

. . . Nearly 3,000,000 Americans have received a reminder from the Veterans Administration that could mean more money in their pockets . . . Its purpose is to explain VA's new pension program and to remind veterans and their beneficiaries that they have a choice between old and new plans.

DISABLED VETERANS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL FEDERAL JOB APPOINTMENTS . . . Disabled veterans whose disability is rated at 30 or more percent are now eligible for special appointment in the federal government . . . These disabled veterans now may contact the employment office of federal departments or agencies for specific job opportunities.

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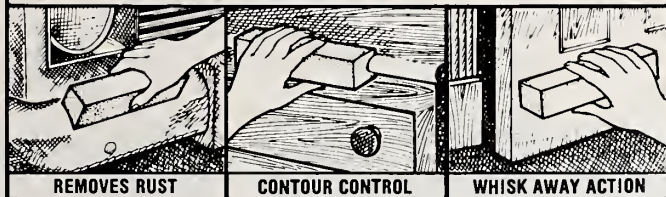
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News of the 61st National Convention Houston, Texas August 17-23, 1979



Report from HOUSTON

Houston became the capital of The American Legion world from August 17th through the 23rd when approximately 20,000 Legionnaires converged on the Texas metropolis for their 61st National Convention.

Frank I. Hamilton was elected National Commander for 1979-80. National Vice Commanders for the year will be Bob Legan, Russellville, Ark., Laurence R. Spaulding, New London, N.H., G. Y. Fails, Albuquerque, N.M., Max E. Robinson, Jacksonville, N.C., Keith A. Krueel, Fennimore, Wis.

Because many of the delegates and visitors were housed in hotels not convenient to the center of the sprawling metropolis, the usual throngs of sightseeing Legionnaires appeared to be greatly diminished. Gatherings were largely restricted to the delegates' own hotels, the main center of activity being the Hyatt Regency, the headquarters hotel, and the Sam Houston Coliseum where business sessions were held.

In short, the 61st Convention was unlike most past National Conventions since much of the fraternizing and socializing was conducted indoors in air-conditioned comfort. Legionnaires who took to the streets

were usually on their way to something taking place in some other quarter. However, there was no shortage of activities.

The largest single gathering of Legionnaires took place Sunday evening when the traditional parade was held. The parade route covered two miles of downtown streets and lasted approximately four hours, with the last unit leaving the assembly area at 10:45 p.m. There were floats and bands, a motorcycle drill team, military units, massed flags and comic figures. But most of all, there were Legionnaires by the thousands, men and women from all over America and from other lands.

Major social events of the convention were the National Commander's Dinner, held at the Ballroom of Astro Village, and the Auxiliary's States Dinner held at the Shamrock-Hilton.

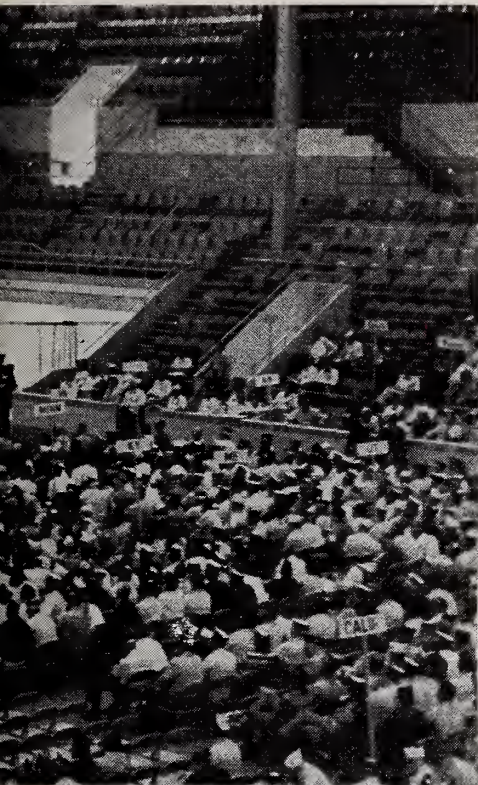
While nationally known figures addressed Legionnaires at the convention hall and at gatherings elsewhere, much of the press coverage given to the convention dealt with criticism of administration policies voiced by Legionnaires. Commenting on President Carter's refusal of an invitation to address the convention,

National Commander John M. Carey criticized the administration's actions with regard to veterans and veteran-related matters. Seizing on this, the press conducted numerous interviews with rank-and-file Legionnaires who were almost unanimous in echoing the Commander's sentiments.

Many of the resolutions adopted at the convention are presented on succeeding pages. One which should



Richard M. Morrow, President of Standard Oil Company of Indiana, became a member of the Legion after making an address on energy.



have a far-reaching effect on the organization pertained to a change in Vietnam War dates, so that those who served in the armed forces between December 22, 1961 and May 7, 1975 will be eligible for membership. Previously membership was limited to those who served from August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975.

The many resolutions adopted pertaining to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, and National Security, reflect the organization's interest in those areas, and well-known civilians and military officials addressed these issues in their speeches to the delegates.

Industry and government experts on energy addressed a forum that was conducted at the Sheraton-Houston, with discussions concerning the availability of oil at home and elsewhere, nuclear energy, coal gasification and other forms of energy.

Leon Jaworski, who served as director of the Office of Watergate Special Prosecutor, was awarded The American Legion Past Commander's "Good Guy" award, and Senator Alan Cranston received the 1979 American Legion Distinguished Public Service Award.

Competitions for championship Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, Senior and Junior Color Guards, Senior and Junior Drill Teams, and Firing Squads were held at Delmar Junior Field and Delmar Club House. Senior bands competed at the Ballroom of Astro Village.

The drawing for the two Ford cars offered by the Seagram Posts was conducted at the Coliseum following convention business on August 22, and the winners were Erwin W. Buchheit of Perryville, Mo., and Emery R. Sweigard of Harrisburg, Pa. ■



Max Cleland, Veterans Affairs Administrator, brought greetings to the Legionnaires.



Gordon Thompson, of Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada addressed convention.



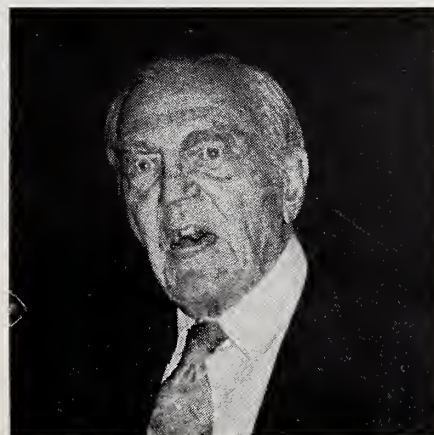
Commander Carey introduced four special young people: Fernando Baell, Oratorical Champion; Frank de Siena, Boys Nation President; Leilani Yamada, Girls Nation President; David Gregory, Boy Scout of the Year.



Commander Carey presented The American Legion Distinguished Service Award to Sen. Alan Cranston for his work for veterans.



Admiral T. B. Hayward, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, warned that this country is falling far behind the Russians in seapower.



Spry at 91, Hamilton Fish addressed the convention. The former congressman was one of the authors of the Legion Preamble.

MEN AT WORK

Committees and Commissions in Session



Americanism Commission
Daniel J. O'Connor, Chairman, listening to discussion from floor.



Economic Commission
Chairman Al Keller, Jr., considers one of the resolutions that came up before the body.



Finance Commission
Members of the commission headed by Chairman Churchill T. Williams consider a report.



Foreign Relations Commission
Conditions in the Caribbean were described to commission members by the Honorable Clemard Joseph Charles, Director of the General Bank of Haiti, at extreme right. The Chairman is Joseph H. Ellinwood.



Internal Affairs
An Energy Subcommittee was chaired by J. W. Steensieck, right.



Legislative Commission
Congressman Mickey Leland, who addressed this commission, being greeted by Chairman Albert D. Brown.

Following are the resolutions approved during the 61st annual American Legion National convention in Houston, Tex.:

Americanism

Daniel J. O'Connor, N.Y., Chmn.

11. Calls for punishment of those who desecrate the American flag.

177. Endorses the principle that all contestants in the National Oratorical Contests shall have the right to be

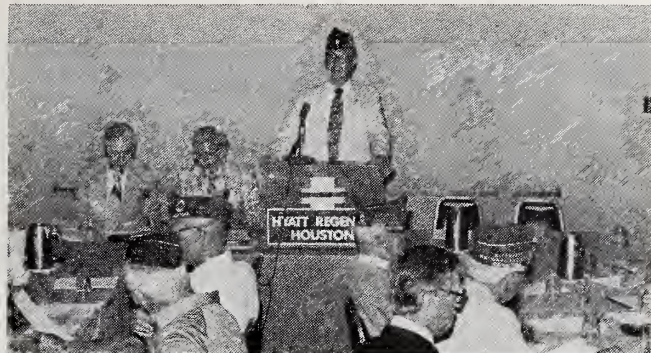
chaperoned.

349. Opposes legislation authorizing restoration of citizenship to persons who renounced or otherwise lost American nationality because of opposition to American military action in Indo-China.



National Security Commission

Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, USN, was a key speaker at meetings of this commission.



The American Legion Magazine Commission

Chairman Milford A. Forrester is shown here addressing the opening session. At left is Bertram G. Davis and Dean B. Nelson, Publisher and Assistant Publisher.

556. Commends California state senate for rejecting Jane Fonda as a member of the Arts Council of the State of California.

557. Reaffirms support of a Constitutional Amendment to prevent the President from granting pardons to persons for criminal offenses against the United States for which such persons have not been convicted, unless such pardon has been approved by a majority vote of the House and Senate.

558. Deals with illegal aliens.

81. Urges state boards of education to place more emphasis on Americanism and respect for the nation and its flag.

131. Reaffirms Legion support of voluntary prayers in public buildings.

179. Calls on Congress and the President to approve legislation that would deny to communists the ability to infiltrate and subsequently destroy governmental agencies and institutions.

296. Calls for continuation of U.S. Department of Civilian Marksmanship.

406. Calls for the establishment of a mandatory, acceptable course in American history in all U.S. school systems.

481. Deals with the Legion baseball program.

498. Seeks re-establishment of a House committee on internal security.

501. Pertains to amending Section 7, Public Law 344, 94th Congress, dealing with rules and customs for the display of the U.S. flag.

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Veterans Affairs And Rehabilitation Commission

Chairman William F. Lenker introduces Dr. Paul W. Schafer, President, National Association of VA Physicians.



National Executive Committee

The Legion's "board of directors" listens to remarks by J. Ray Edmundson, Jr., Chairman of the Membership and Post Activities Committee.

CHAMPIONS ALL

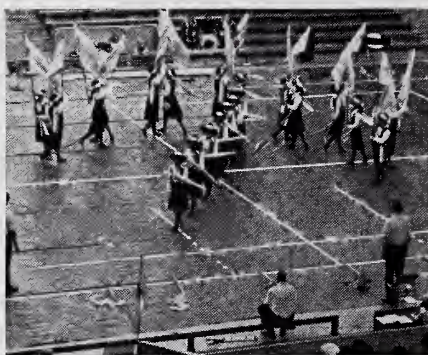
Winners in the big competitions



An event that rarely happens in national competition occurred when the two Junior Drum & Bugle Corps shown above came up with identical scores, in this case 76.80. At left are the Sky Ryders of Post 68, Hutchinson, Kans. At right are co-winners, The Long Island Kingsmen of Post 944, Kings Park, N.Y.



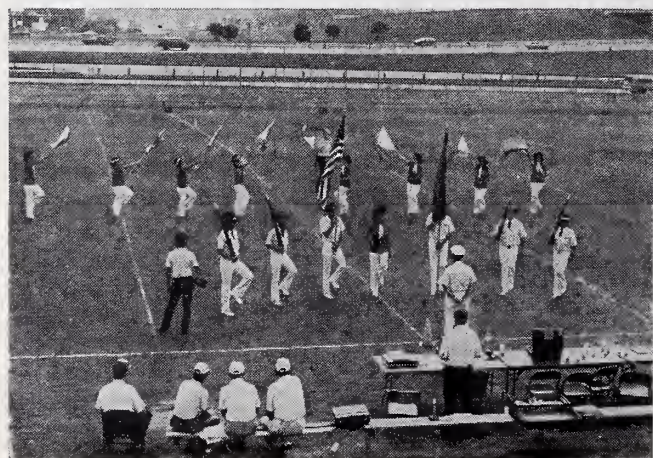
With a score of 80.45 the Jersey Chevrons Sr. Color Guard of Post 40, Ridgefield Park, N.J. won top honors in that category.



Post 68 of Hutchinson, Kan. took another first when its Sky Ryders Jr. Color Guard scored 75.90.



The Carlson Firing Squad of Post 247, Fontanelle, Iowa, placed first with a 73.80 score.



Top honors in the Sr. Drill Team competition went to the Double D's of Post 180, Milwaukie, Ore.

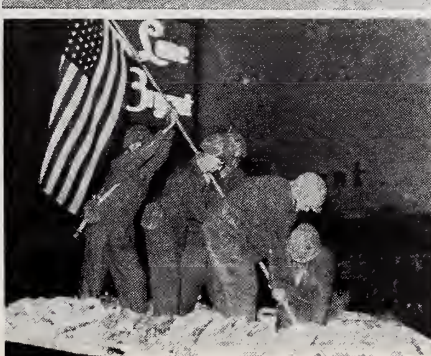
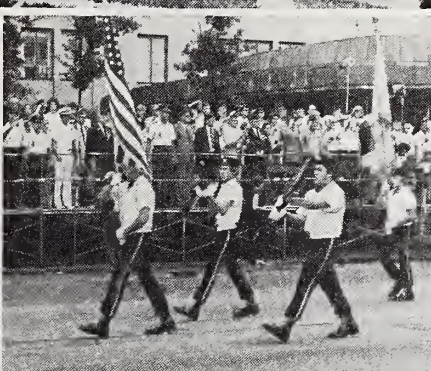
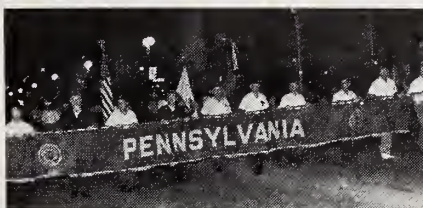


When the Rangerettes Jr. Drill Team of Post 610, Brook Park, Ohio, scored 75.20 to win, this victory dance took place.

THE LEGION ON PARADE

For hours they marched through Houston

For the second year in a row the big parade of The American Legion's National Convention was held at night, for the comfort of marchers and spectators. This year the spectacle was presented on Sunday, August 19. The parade route covered two miles of downtown streets.



PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

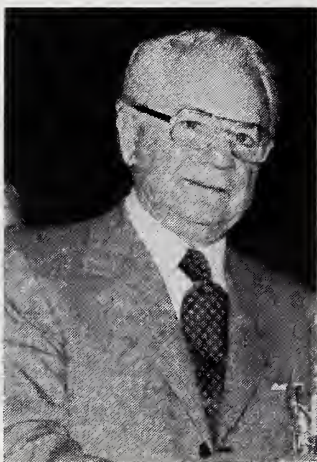
Some memorable happenings at the convention



The Energy Forum was addressed by Michael E. Cones of the American Petroleum Institute (standing); Keith Turley, President of Arizona Public Service Co.; Bob Kalisch of the American Gas Association.



The 1979 American Legion Fourth Estate Award was accepted by Linda Wertheimer, representative of National Public Radio. With her are National Commander Carey and William M. Detweiler, National Public Relations Commission Chairman.



Leon Jaworski received The American Legion Past Commander's "Good Guy" award.



Historic attractions such as these reminders of World War II at Galveston were visited by many Legionnaires.



Traditional memorial wreaths were laid at the Patriotic Religious Service by Mrs. Earl Bigalow, National President of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Melvin Junge, National Secretary.



Representing the Special Olympics were Janet Glesby of Houston and Steven Franklin, Silver Medalist, International Games, Basketball.



The Founders held a luncheon on August 18. One of them, Past National Commander Harry Colmery, shown in the foreground, died at the end of the convention.

GRAND FINALE

The election of national officers for 1979-80



Enthusiastic supporters surround the new National Commander.

The third Hoosier to be elected National Commander, Frank I. Hamilton of Greensburg, Ind., was preceded in the Legion's top office by the late Paul V. McNutt (1928-29) and George N. Craig (1949-50). Both later became governors of Indiana.

Commander Hamilton has been active in the Legion for a quarter-century. He served as commander of Walsh-Crawley Post 129 and has held office at all levels of the organization. At the national level, he was a member of the Americanism and Internal Affairs Commissions and

from 1974 to 1978 was Chairman of the National Legislative Commission.

Born in Indianapolis, he attended Indiana University and received his law degree from the university's Law School. He served in the Army in World War II and was with the Army of Occupation in Japan.

In his acceptance speech following his election, Commander Hamilton outlined plans for the year ahead. Regional leadership conferences will be held for the purpose of bringing National Headquarters operations closer to Legionnaires and Auxiliary members in the field.



Fellow Hoosiers went all-out for Hamilton.

"It is expected," he said, "that this will give our post and unit, and district and department leadership a better insight into many of the phases of our operations than we have ever offered before."

"We will have Children & Youth, Americanism, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Membership, Legislative, Economics and Public Relations sections in each of the eight conferences."

He stated that the theme of his term will be, "We help America Work." This, he said, would get his best personal effort.



Jack Carey bestows the red cap of office on his successor.



National Vice Commanders (l to r): Laurence R. Spaulding, New London, N.H.; G. Y. Fails, Albuquerque, N.M.; Max E. Robinson, Jacksonville, N.C.; National Commander Frank I. Hamilton; Bob Legan, Russellville, Ark.; Keith A. Kreul, Fennimore, Wis.

THE AUXILIARY

Representing many fine ladies



Representing almost a million members, The American Legion Auxiliary held its 59th Annual National Convention concurrently with the Legion Convention. Almost 3,000 delegates of what is now the world's largest women's patriotic organization attended sessions for four days, from August 20th through 23rd, at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel.

Accomplishments during the 1978-1979 year under National President Mrs. Maxine Bigalow were reviewed and plans for the 1979-1980 year were formulated.

Elected as National President for the year ahead was Mrs. Bernard Kennedy of Brooklyn, N.Y., who became a Junior member of the organization 43 years ago. During that time she has held more than 45 offices at local and state levels, serv-

ing as National Vice President last year.

The new National Vice President is Mrs. Dora Seymour of Bird City, Kans. The National Historian is Mrs. Margaret Smith of Tahlequah, Okla., and the National Chaplain is Mrs. Edward Wellman of West Springfield, Mass. Division National Vice Presidents are: Mrs. Lester Perham of Milford, N.H. (Eastern); Mrs. John R. Dokken of Maple Plain, Minn. (Northwestern); Mrs. Isaac Mayfield of Bridgeport, W.V. (Central); Mrs. Anthony P. Genta of Alamogordo, N.M. (Western); and Mrs. Carl Campbell of McMinnville, Tenn. (Southern).

The main social event of the Auxiliary National Convention, the States Dinner, was held on August 22nd in the Shamrock-Hilton.



Newly elected National President of the Auxiliary Mrs. Bernard Kennedy, at the microphone, and Vice President Mrs. Lyle Seymour were introduced.

1979-80 Resolutions

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467. Calls on Congress to restore Memorial Day to the proper day of observance, May 30 of each year.

178. Reaffirms American Legion support of the CIA and FBI and deplores harassment of the CIA and FBI and all federal law enforcement agencies.

500. Calls for deportation of aliens who participate in the destruction of property, publish printed matter intended to incite rebellion and condemn the policies and principles of the U. S. government.

Economics

Al Keller, Ill., Chmn.

14. Seeks legislation for veterans employment service field secretaries.

84. Supports current requirement of two-year residence for state and assistant veterans employment representatives.

91. Seeks legislation to eliminate length of unemployment as factor in eligibility of veterans in CETA programs.

92. Asks training on veterans programs for staffs of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance programs.

98. Opposes any changes in the Wagner-Peyser Act that would adversely affect veterans.

100. Supports legislation for Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment.

197. Seeks sufficient funds and accountability thereof for Veterans Employment Service and state employment service.

290. Seeks legislation to establish position of regional veterans employment representative.

294. Supports jobs for veterans as a priority program.

360. Supports continuation of Disabled Veterans Outreach Program.

363. Calls for intensified service to disabled and older veterans.

455. Seeks legislation to deny affirmative action to members of enemy forces in Vietnam.

551. Seeks increased state employment service staff.

97. Opposes consolidation of the Social Security retirement program with the Civil Service retirement program.

143. Supports legislation to repeal requirement to recompute certain Civil Service annuities.

413. Seeks regulations to promote non-competitive appointment of disabled veterans in federal employment.

428. Reaffirms support for veterans preference in federal employment.

549. Supports a strong staff for veterans employment in the Office of Personnel Management.

550. Supports continuation of a standing committee in the House of Representatives with jurisdiction over veterans preference in federal employment.

301. Supports Buy American Program.

Internal Affairs

James P. Dean, Miss., Chmn.

1. Bestows upon Hamilton Fish Sr. the title "Past National Commander" with all the rights and privileges pertaining to such office.

223. Urges the story of the G.I. Bill of Rights to be printed in booklet form and that this story be reprinted in the American Legion Magazine when editorially and financially feasible.

276. Urges the President and Congress establish a strategic petroleum reserve.

357. Urges the Internal Revenue Service to increase its deductible allowance for travel involved in carrying out charitable and non-profit volunteer service from 7 cents to 12 cents per mile.

444. Seeks legislation to exempt non-profit veterans organizations from the requirement that certain performance royalties be paid to copyright holders.

560. Expresses appreciation to host department and host city for the 61st national convention.

Foreign Relations

Joseph H. Ellinwood, Mass., Chmn.

65. Calls on Congress to amend the Freedom of Information Act to best serve the interests of U. S. foreign policy by withholding sensitive information from potential enemies of the United States.

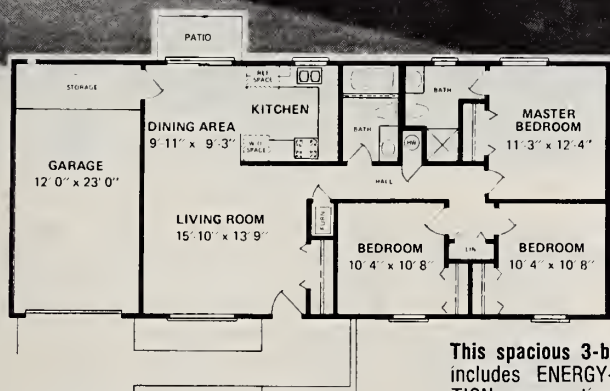
68. Calls for training of special forces to cope with terrorists.

224. Calls on the United States to protest further communist aggression and expansion.

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The Day the Market Crashed

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nounced in probably the most remarkable understatement of all time. That stock prices had crashed an incredible \$11¼ billion in just three hours seemed inconsequential, for he hastened to add that the market was still fundamentally sound. To assure orderly trading, he and his banker friends had even pledged \$30 million to form a pool to put things back on an even keel.

Speculators rushed to catch the coming advance. "I've made money in every panic in the last 60 years," one investor said, "and I don't intend to miss out on this one." By the time the 3:00 p.m. gong sounded, Steel had snapped back 10½ points; Montgomery Ward, 24; Auburn Auto, 45; and all but \$3 billion of the day's losses had been recovered. Weary brokers, "sweat pouring down their faces, their collars and shirt sleeves torn to shreds," leaned against the posts and greeted the news with Bronx cheers. Outside the Exchange the crowds waited for a while, then gradually drifted away. Nothing exciting was going to happen. The Big Bull was alive and well after all, but the nation was still in a state of shock hours after the Exchange closed.

Light blazed all along Wall Street that night as bleary-eyed brokerage workers attempted to tote up the hectic day's shenanigans. A total of 12,894,650 shares had been exchanged—the biggest trading day in history up to that time—and the stock ticker didn't stop its clackety-clack-clack until 7:08 that evening. Brokers worked until 5 a.m. the next morning, digging out from under the mountains of paperwork. For Western Union it was the busiest day on record. Throughout the evening thousands of cables and telegrams sped to uneasy customers promising that the worst was over—and requesting more margin.

The situation did appear to be better on Friday and during the two-hour trading day on Saturday. Brokers returned to the Exchange floor with the calm of "veteran troops marching back to rest billets from the front lines," a reporter observed. And after a meeting at the offices of Hornblower and Weeks, 35 of the city's largest brokerage firms stated that the market was now "technically in better condition than it had been

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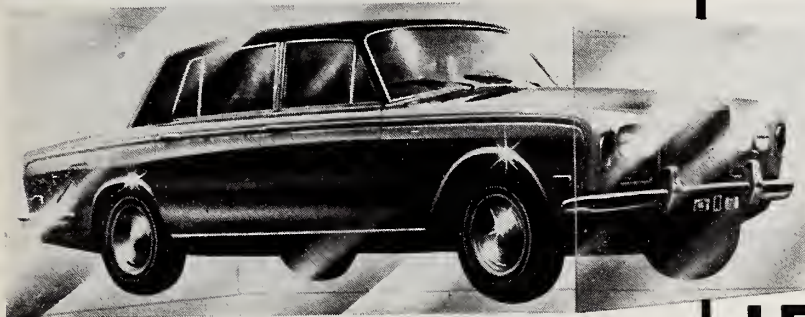
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for months." President Hoover added that business was still "on a fundamentally sound and prosperous basis." That, declared H. L. Mencken, was "as well to say that a pimple on a beautiful woman's behind is an essential part of her."

Some Sunday sermons suggested that a not-undeserved divine retribution had been visited on blasé Americans. Maybe so, but the flood of margin calls humming out over the telegraph wires was destroying the last shreds of illusion for big traders and ten-share plungers alike. Unable to reply with more cash, they knew what they had to do.

The trouble began again as soon as the gong sounded on Monday morning, October 28th. By 10:30, Big Steel had dropped back past 200. By 11:00, wave after wave of stocks were being dumped at forced sale, and even blue chips were falling five to 10 points an hour. The ticker, chattering away like a nervous gossip, never had a chance.

"There goes my son's college education," groaned a gray-haired broker.

"And my life's savings," came the reply.

It was a symbolic exchange. If the previous Thursday had been "the slaughter of the innocents," as one professional put it, now on Monday it was the giants who were being butchered. At 1:10 p.m. Charles E. Mitchell repeated his pilgrimage to the Morgan offices, but this time there was to be no miracle, no magic words. Steel just kept falling—198, 194, 190, 188—taking the rest of the market with it. Lamont coldly told reporters that the bankers had no intention of maintaining any particular price level or protecting anyone's profit. Obviously. In the final hour alone, almost three million shares were traded. The ticker ran three hours late and, unlike the previous Thursday, there was no last-minute rally, no "snap" or "come-back." Frankly, the market was hopelessly out of control.

When the gong ended the slaughter at 3 p.m., the toll was terrific. Steel was down 17½ points; General Electric, 47½; Allied Chemical, 36; Westinghouse, 34½. In board rooms everywhere there was a curious, funereal hush as people read the long, dismal list. Occasionally a man cursed or a woman wept and brokers

stood stiffly reading the late ticker like "dying men counting their own last pulse beats." By then, it really didn't matter. Most had long since been wiped out. In Seattle, a finance company secretary shot himself. In New York, a realtor was seen walking numbly down Wall Street, shredding pieces of ticker tape. Reporter Edwin Lefevre told of a small trader who had watched his life's savings disappear on a second margin call, then simply gone home and turned on the gas. And sightseeing buses detoured tourists down Wall Street to see the Stock Exchange, the place "where all the money went."

Tuesday, October 29th, was the most devastating day in the history of the New York Stock Exchange. Great blocks of stock were flung on the floor for whatever they would bring. In the first half-hour sales were at a phenomenal 33 million-shares-a-day rate. By noon, eight million shares had been traded, and by 2:00 p.m. panic was total. The 40-member governing board of the Exchange met in a small office just beneath the trading floor to decide whether or not to close the market. The 3:00 p.m. gong eventually made the decision for them.

Despite a last-ditch rally, the final tally was awful: some 16.4 million shares had been traded (that record stood for 39 years, until 1968). Securities values had fallen \$14 billion, and the Dow Jones industrial average was down 30.57 points. Losses of from 20 to 30 points in individual shares was common. Aluminum Company of America had plummeted an astounding 74½. The theatrical publication *Variety* announced the skid in a fetching, five-word headline that said it all: "WALL ST. LAYS AN EGG."

People had lost fortunes so vast that the sums were almost meaningless. The Fisher Brothers, who had squeezed \$200 million out of General Motors for rights to the "Bodies by Fisher" assembly plant, dropped a reported \$100 million. A public utilities tycoon worth \$880 million lost three of his zeros. Humorist H. Allen Smith, then a cub reporter on his first assignment, asked financier Frank Vanderlip, "What does it all mean?"

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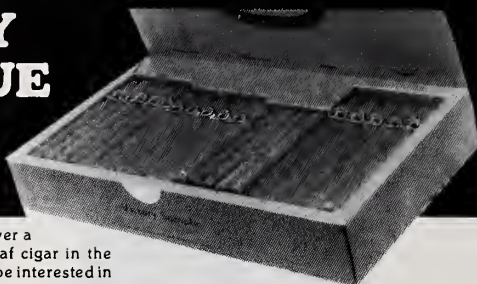
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Vanderlip chuckled grimly. "The fact of the matter is that I don't know what it means either. My friends don't know what it means and probably nobody knows just what it means."

Vanderlip was right, yet Americans responded to their quandary with varying degrees of good and bad sportsmanship. Some brushed off their hard luck with a devil-may-care attitude. "Let me tell you," a woman who lost nearly a million explained to her broker, "I had a perfectly stunning time while it lasted. No wonder you men want to monopolize the business." Another lady, when told by her broker that she had lost \$100,000, replied: "How could I lose \$100,000? I never had \$100,000 in all my life." Some tried to find humor in their predicament. "Why do you look so glum today?"

one small-time investor asked a friend after the crash. "You'd look glum too if you had arteriosclerosis at 45," he replied. "That's nothing," the first grinned. "I had Internal Combustion at 103." And a cartoon in *Life* pictured two hobos riding in a boxcar, one of them saying, "It seems like only yesterday that I had stock in this company."

Papers continued to headline cheery promises of "upswing" and "bargain buying," but no one really believed them any longer, not even reports that John D. Rockefeller and his son "have for some days been purchasing sound common stock." ("Sure," quipped Eddie Cantor, "who else has any money left?") Fifty billion dollars—more than the entire cost of American participation in World War I—had been annihilated. The Big Bull did rally at times, but by mid-November it was apparent that he had died on his feet. On the 13th of that month, the *New York Times* industrials stood at 224—almost exactly half the high for the year, 452. But it was only the beginning. For nearly three years, until the summer of 1932, the market was to continue to slide and stumble, day after day, month after month.

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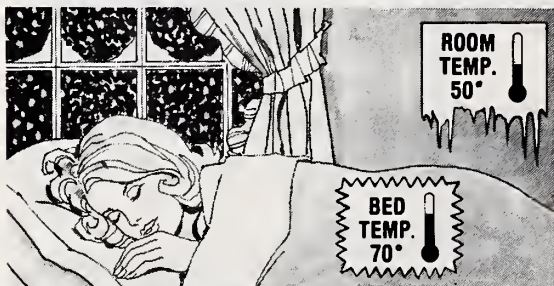
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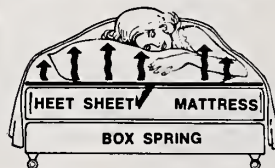
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versary of the Great Crash, people asked why and still get all sort of replies: "the market went down because it went down" or "mob psychology" or "a fundamentally unsound economy." It seemed the list of answers was endless. Perhaps the crash really was "a monument to folly," as writer George Soule later claimed. One thing, however, is certain: the decade was a period of reckless vitality when all the old standards seemed to crumble, when fantasy seemed to replace reality. Still, when it came to the stock market, enough distance remained between Santa Claus and sanity that, as Bernard Baruch remarked, "Rarely has there been so much blame to share among so many."

During the first winter of the long decline, Christmas sales were brisk, although it was noted that more people were buying in five-and-dime stores than previously. Railroads still advertised winter travel to "captivating" Los Angeles and to Santa Barbara, "the city beautiful." Men were still told that Glostora would keep hair down "particularly smooth and tight" and Cord still valiantly pushed its front-wheel-drive sedan for \$3095. But it was obvious that things would never be quite the same again.

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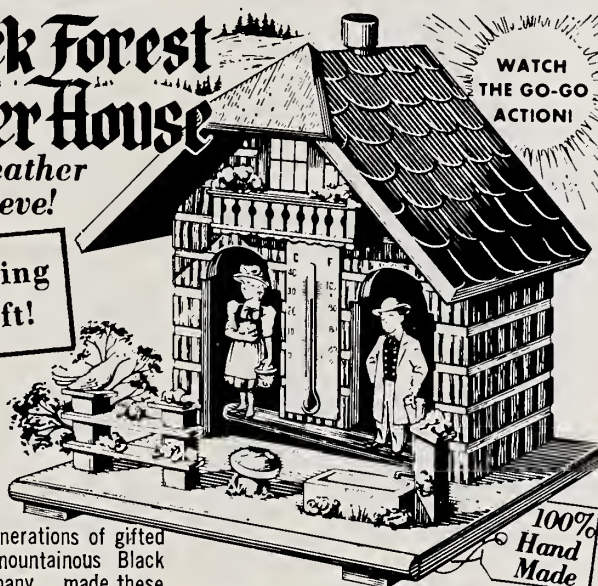
On the last day of December 1929, Americans prepared for they knew not what. Many bought illicit champagne (down from \$100 to \$75 a bottle) and indulged in the usual year-end fling—the last in a long time, as it turned out. Stock Exchange employees danced to the rollicking music of the 369th Infantry band, burned the financial pages of October newspapers at one of the trading posts, and, in an appropriate gesture, pinned tails on the backsides of some of the leading brokers. The din could be heard as far away as Broadway.

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Meet Frank I. Hamilton

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battle there, camping and sightseeing on the way.

Hamilton enlisted in the Army Oct. 9, 1942, and reported for active duty Sept. 28, 1943, serving until his separation Oct. 17, 1946.

He was selected for a composite company of officers and enlisted men in the first class to train for the expert infantryman's badge at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. In 1945, he was commissioned a second lieutenant at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

He was trained as a 745 (MOS) rifleman and combat unit leader at Fort Benning, later serving as supply officer for the engineer section of the U. S. Eighth Army from Oct., 1945, to Aug., 1946, in the occupation. The Eighth Army had been scheduled for the invasion of Japan, if it had been necessary.

His fellow Hoosier Legionnaires saw Hamilton as a real comer when he joined the Walsh-Crawley-Kramer Post 129 at Greensburg in 1955.

His qualities of leadership, deep belief in traditional American values and clear thinking and insight quickly propelled him through the post's ranks to commander four years later.

Hamilton is an active Legionnaire, having served as Judge Advocate, Department of Indiana, (1962-63), and as Southern Vice Commander (1964-65), then as Department Commander (1966-67).

In addition, he has served on the National Americanism Commission and the Internal Affairs Commission, and was chairman of the National Legislative Commission. He was also a consultant to the Select Committee on Veterans Affairs, giving him a full and clear insight into the goals and mandates of The American Legion.

This experience will serve him well as he takes the helm of the Legion because there is a continuing effort to chip away at hard-won veterans benefits, a disarmament lobby working night and day to undermine the nation's security and a new left-drive to dilute Americanism.

These are some of the critical issues that will face Hamilton as National Commander.

Hamilton has a solid background in local, state and national civic affairs. He has served as Exalted Ruler of the B. P. O. Elks, and was president of the Decatur County, Indiana, Bar Association in 1960. He has served on the Indiana State Veterans

Commission and on the Governor's Economic Committee for the 9th District of Indiana.

He is a member of Sigma Chi Social Fraternity, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity and the Presbyterian Church and the Murat Temple Shrine. ■

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Army

Co. "D", 37th Div., 148th Infantry (Oct). Gaylord Croll, 1848 N. State Rt. 19, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449.

Air Force

301st Troop Carrier Sqdn. (Nov). Lloyd G. Neblett, 3916 E. 40th St., Tulsa, Okla. 74135.

Navy

USS Arizona (Dec). Bill Nolte, Hicksville, Ohio 43526.

USS Coates (Nov). Charles Katan, 5 Tilden Rd., Danbury, Conn. 06810.

USS Hovey (Oct). Bob Caldwell, 525-275 El Norte Pkwy., Escondido, Calif. 92026.

Miscellaneous

138th Aero Sqdn. Air Service WWI (Oct). Joseph P. Lafond, 321 Charles St., Woodburn, Ore. 97071.

Pearl Harbor Attack Veterans (Dec). Paul Siok, 118 Cole Ave., Pittsfield, Mass. 01201.

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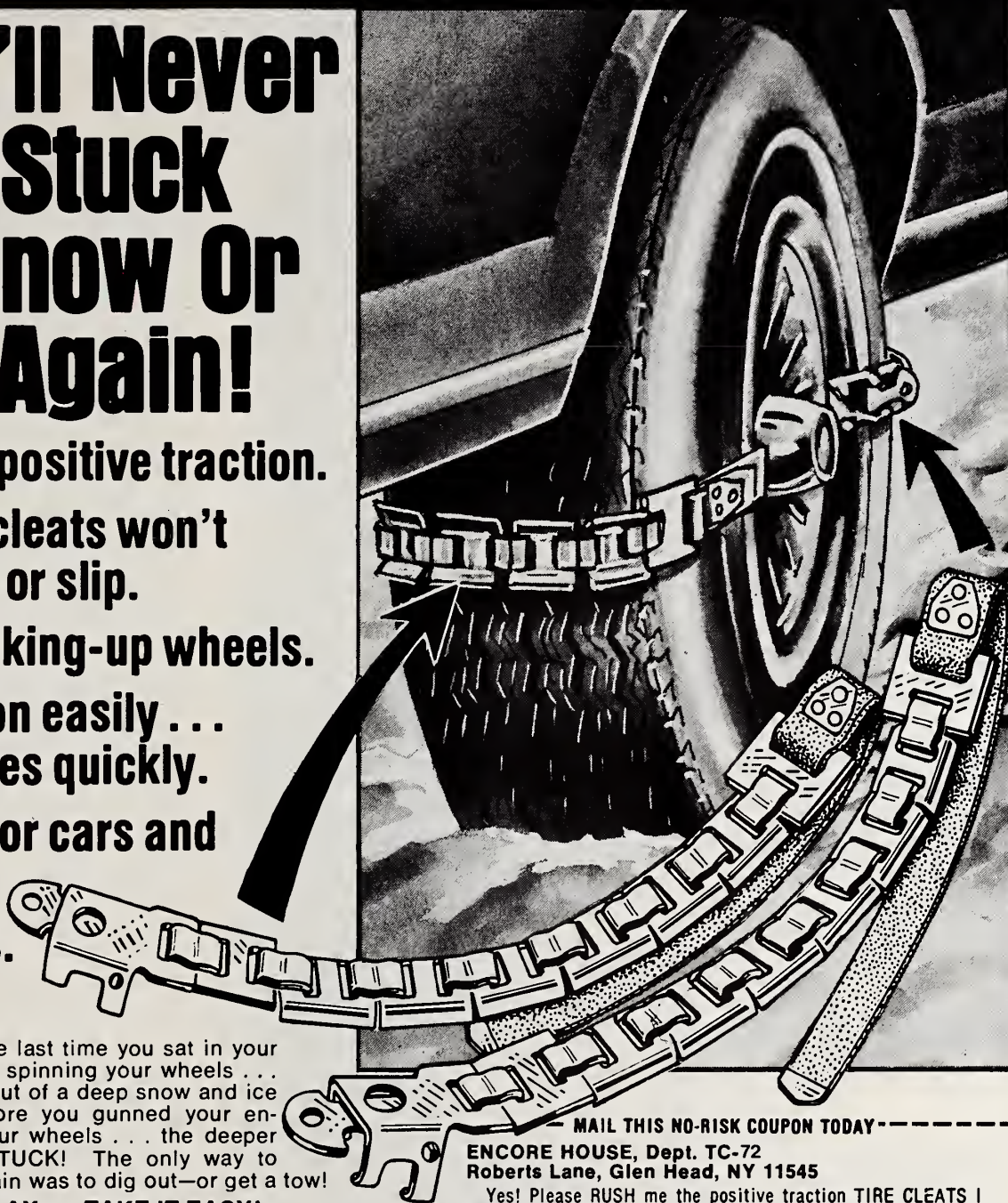
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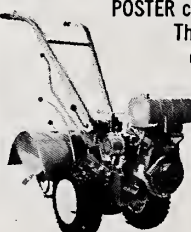
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Who? What? Where?

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: We are no longer accepting submissions for this column. We regret that space constraints necessitate this action. Submissions on hand will be printed as space permits.

Joseph Ray, Clinton St., Whitesboro, N.Y. 13492, would appreciate hearing from members who served on the USS Gudgeon during her mission against the Japanese four days after Pearl Harbor, for help in preparing a magazine article on this WWII mission.

Ronald Dilts, Box 638, Wagner, S. Dak. 57380, is seeking contact with everyone who served with the 695th Radar Sqdn.

Robert C. Bell, 704 California Ave., Rochester, Pa. 15074, would like to hear from former shipmates who were stationed at E & R, Karouba, Tunisia.

William A. Taylor, 65 Ruth Ct., Springfield, Ill. 62704, is seeking former members of the 263rd Ordinance Co.

James R. Milliron, 4251 Madera Dr., Shreveport, La. 71119, would like to hear from anyone who served with the 3rd Horse Cavalry, Troop A & B at Ft. Ethan Allen, Vt.

David Jensen, 8726-259th St., Floral Park, N.Y. 11001, would like to contact anyone that served on the USS Emmons from the time she was commissioned in 1941 until she was sunk at the end of the war.

Harry D. Salyer, 351 E. 10th St., Ashland, Ohio 44805, is trying to locate all former members of Battery "A", 102nd AAA Gn. Bn. organized at Camp Steward, Ga.

James D. Bowman, 100 Benedict Blvd., Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10520, would like to hear from any members of the 3103rd Signal Service Bn. who served in Europe in 1944-45, to help prepare a manuscript.

Ed Wilson, 4906 Wendover Blvd., Alexandria, La. 71301, would like to hear from members of Flight "C", 12th Observation Sq., Ft. Sill, Okla. in 1940-41 and members of the 15th Observation Sq., Ft. Sill, Okla. in 1941.

John P. Lane, Rt. 1, Box 327, Chesterfield, Mo. 63017, would like to hear from former members of the 1257th Engineer Combat Bn.

Rodney K. Jones, 2425 42nd Ave., Meridian, Miss. 39301, would like to hear from former members of the Battery "A", 312th F.A., 79th Division (WWII).

John J. O'Leary, 312 7th Ave. S.E., Austin, Minn. 55912, would like to hear from former members of the 323rd Inf., 81st Division, Co. "D", who served during 1942-43.

Blair W. Nichols, P.O. Box 295, DeRidder, La. 70634, would like to hear from members of Co. "A", 1st Bn., 83rd Armored Recon., 3rd Armored Division, who were trapped by the Germans in Marcoray, Belgium in late December 1944.

A. W. "Jake" Faulkner, Box 904, Johnson Rd., Kirkwood, N.Y. 13795, would like to hear from members of Hq. Det., 1st Tng. Regt. who served at Camp Reynolds, Pa., during WWII.

John C. Colson, 102 Edgewood Rd., Middletown, Ky. 40965, would like to hear from former members who served with the 633rd Tank Destroyer Bn. in 1945.

Rue J. Farnum, Box 381, Fairbank, Iowa 50629, would like to hear from anyone who in 1942 was with the first Radio-Operators class at Sioux City, S. Dak.

Ray Prozinski, 3027 Hampshire N., Minneapolis, Minn. 55427, would like to hear from members of the USAF Pilot Tng. class 52C, Good-fellow AFB, Tex.

Lloyd F. McCormick, 210 S. Pike St., No. 13, Crawfordsville, Ind. 47933, would like to correspond with friends who served with him at NAS, Olathe, Kans. and overseas with NATS-Pac's VR 12 unit during WWII.

Jessie E. Schuster, R. 2, Ft. Dodge, Iowa 50501, would like to hear from any ex-Wacs who were stationed at the A.F. Redistribution Center, Embassy Hotel, Miami, Fla. in 1944-45.

Frank Wood, 411 Westover Blvd., Richmond, Va. 23225, would like to hear from anyone who served in 1944 with the 164th Station Hospital at Ponomo, Calif.

Rosemary Biakely Aule, Section C, Olin E. Teague V.A.M.C., Temple, Tex. 76501, is anxious to hear from WWII Ft. Houston Wacs.

William G. Huggins, 8 Harpers Terr., Carthage, N.Y. 13619, would like to hear from former shipmates who served on the USS Cacapon during WWII.

Kenneth M. Brunmeier, P.O. Box 181, Onida, S. Dak. 57564, would like to hear from members of the 75th Air Depot Wing, 75th Air Police Sq., who served in 1952-53 at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex. and K-10 Chinhal, Korea.

1979-80 Resolutions

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145. Calls for flexibility in the Intelligence Reorganization Act currently under consideration.
251. Calls on the President and Congress to exert the same political and economic pressures against communist governments on behalf of human rights as has been done against non-communist governments.

522. Calls for an annual review of United Nations activities to be directed by the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Commission.

72. Calls for lifting of sanctions against Rhodesia.

511. Urges the United States to assist the Republic of South Africa politically and militarily in repulsing the spread of communist imperialism on the African continent and to encourage American investment so as to ensure American access to vital raw materials.

554. Reactivation of the Southwest African Hydroelectric plant and dam.

366. Asks for U. S. weapons for the Republic of China (Taiwan) for defense purposes and asks continuation of cultural, economic and social links with Taiwan.

368. Calls for a Presidential task force on MIAs and calls for sanctions against those nations inhibiting the search for those missing in action.

512. Supports U. S. Military Forces in the Republic of Korea as a deterrent to invasion and also as a guarantee to our Asian allies.

514. Seeks to prohibit transfer of U. S. technology to Communist China.

561. Deplores U. S. citizens having to pay for the transfer of the Panama Canal to Panama.

23. Calls for increasing emphasis on Mexican-U. S. cooperative endeavors both politically and economically.

121. Calls for economic sanctions against Cuba.

260. Seeks greater U. S. cooperation with Argentina.

523. Seeks a warning to the government of Panama that its revolutionary and terrorist involvement with other nations is in direct contradiction to the Panama Canal treaties.

62. Reaffirmation of NATO.

524. Refuse funds to implement Panama Canal treaties.

555. Strategic arms limitation treaty. Legion refuses to support a treaty that would make the United States inferior militarily to the Soviet Union and supports the TRIAD concept of nuclear strategy.

Children & Youth

Earl D. Franklin Jr., Colo., Chmn.

180. Calls on the President to schedule a White House Conference on Children in 1980.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

William F. Lenker, So. Dak., Chmn.

20. Opposes staff reductions in VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery; urges that Americans be alerted to the breach of faith with war veterans being effected by the President's agents in the name of economy.

41. Urges that all eligible war veterans be provided care in VA health care facilities as required for treatment of service-connected and nonservice-connected disabilities.

107. Urges the President and Congress to assign high priority to the budgetary needs of the VA.

158. Urges the Administrator of Veterans Affairs to determine the effects of Agent Orange and to more objectively approach the adjudication of claims for benefits submitted by veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

383. Opposes legislation eliminating the restriction in Title 38 USC 3103(a) denying benefits to any veteran held as a deserter, or who was absent without authority from active duty for 180 days or longer.

452. Calls upon the President to retain the Records Processing Center under jurisdiction of the VA and in the event he fails to do so to support legislation to mandate the Executive Branch to maintain the Records Processing Center at St. Louis as part of the VA.

456. Opposes legislation providing for third party reimbursement of the cost of medical care provided by the VA to eligible veterans.

547. Urges all agencies having information related to atmospheric nuclear weapons tests to make it available to the VA to facilitate development and processing of claims by veterans exposed to and subsequently suffering disabilities related to radiation.

548. Calls for Legion participation in the VA's 50th Anniversary commemorative activities in recognition of VA's contribution to society and

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to direct attention to contributions made by American veterans.

272. Supports legislation to amend Title 38 USC 620 to extend community nursing home care at VA expense to nine months.

378. Opposes legislative or administrative proposals to reduce budgetary expenditures by eliminating existing essential programs of rehabilitation, readjustment and medical care.

222. Supports legislation to provide adequate funding for construction, remodeling and renovating of state veterans homes.

78. Supports legislation to amend Title 38 USC 314(k) to add the loss of one lung or one kidney to the list of anatomical loss or loss-of-use disabilities.

130. Supports legislation to amend Title 38 USC Chapter 15 so as to provide a special pension for veterans of WWI.

246. Supports legislation to provide adaptive automobile equipment as required by local motor vehicle licensing laws to veterans with service-connected disabilities whose knees or hips are ankylosed at favorable angles.

404. Supports legislation to permit payment of additional benefit of aid and attendance or housebound entitlement to pension recipients who did not elect to receive pension benefits under PL 95-588.

433. Supports legislation to amend Title 38 USC Chapter 15 to further improve the disability and death pension program for veterans and their dependents.

495. Supports legislation to amend Title 38 USC 301(B)(3) by adding Lupus Erythematosus to the list of chronic diseases that shall be considered service-connected under section 312 (a)(1) when manifested to a 10% degree within one year from date of service separation.

169. Supports legislation to permit veterans enrolled as full-time students in the spring quarter or semester to continue their work study program in any VA or Outreach Program during summer break.

80. Supports legislation to provide mortgage life insurance for those veterans unable to acquire commercial life insurance because of service-connected disabilities.

243. Supports legislation to provide a special government life insurance program for Vietnam Era veterans.

496. Supports legislation to provide that kidney and heart transplants shall qualify as statutory total disabilities for Government Life Insurance purposes.

National Security

Donald C. Huntley, Mich., Acting Chmn.

190. Urges Congress to support an adequate defense budget.

237. Recommends that the minimum number of JROTC cadets required for a program be changed from 100 students to five percent of the in-school population, excluding joint vocational school students.

530. Commends the Coalition of Peace Through Strength; urges Legionnaires to cooperate with national and local COPTS units.

24. Urges Congress to support the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by providing adequate funding.

201. Calls on the Administration and Congress to support the standoff/penetrating bomber mixed force concept, completion of the manned penetrating bomber development and evaluation program, and immediately to begin developing a new strategic bomber.

202. Requests DoD ask for and Congress approve funds to complete development and deployment of Air Launched Cruise Missiles.

205. Urges Congress to appropriate funds to ensure that sufficient airlift and refueling capability is available to protect vital interests of the U.S. worldwide.

322. Asks Congress to modernize our tactical fighter forces.

326. Recommends that Congress procure a sufficient number of Airborne Warning and Control Systems to meet national defense requirements.

327. Urges the Administration and Congress to provide support necessary to develop the M-X Missile.

478. Urges the Administration and Congress to procure sufficient fighter and attack aircraft to meet the needs of the Navy and USMC air arms.

546. Advocates that Congress provide a \$50 million grant for the permanent reopening of U. S. Air Bases in Turkey.

126. Advises Congress to legislate and fund a

civil defense preparedness program.

153. Urges the Administration to staff the Federal Emergency Management Agency and asks Congress to provide necessary funding.

282. Supports HR 2158 and urges that the Federal Emergency Management Agency receive first priority on excess equipment transferred from DCPA.

374. Supports development of a national blood donor program.

488. Advocates increased nuclear protection planning, and the passage of HR 571.

124. Reaffirms opposition to compulsory registration of firearms.

302. Supports all legislation preventing felons from being paroled before serving two-thirds of their sentences and calls for a sentence of no less than 10 years in prison without benefit of early release or parole for those convicted of a felony crime involving a firearm.

415. Supports the National Rifle Association's efforts to protect the right of citizens to bear arms.

151. Urges the development of a training and staffing plan to crew the Great Lakes fleet.

334. Asks the Administration and Congress to assign high priority to efforts such as the Navy's ARAPAHO Project.

345. Urges the Administration and Congress to support closer cooperation between the Navy and merchant marine, and advocates a high state of logistical readiness.

347. Recommends that Congress close loopholes in the Jones Act which permit foreign flag vessels to engage in commerce between the Virgin Islands and the U. S. mainland.

462. Supports the building and maintenance of a strong U. S. merchant fleet.

552. Urges that U. S. representatives in international trade negotiations work toward the establishment and maintenance of a free international market for marine insurance.

553. Supports the concept envisioned in the Omnibus Maritime Regulatory Reform Revitalization and Reorganization Act of 1979.

18. Conditionally opposes redrafting of veterans until the Selective Service System is revitalized.

25. Supports universal military training, an independent Selective Service System, annual registration of 18-year-old men and women; calls on Congress to enact legislation to this end.

40. Opposes any legislation which would change the current DoD military retirement system.

52. Opposes any Federal law, specifically House Bill HR 11354, that would place an additional financial burden on retired members of the uniformed services once pension provisions for a former spouse have been established by a final divorce settlement or judgment in a Civil Court of competent jurisdiction.

149. Supports legislation to remove all restrictions on receipt of retired pay by retired regular military officers.

154. Urges Congress to ensure that Survivor Benefit Plan entitlements are not reduced by a Social Security payment offset.

156. Opposes any effort to abolish the characterization of discharges, and opposes the downgrading of requirements for an honorable discharge.

157. Insists that immediate funding of the Enhanced Radiation/Reduced "Neutron" warhead be authorized.

208. Calls on the President to change the detrimental policy of "Up or Out" as regards military chaplains.

339. Calls on Congress to take any action necessary to end the critical shortage of medical physicians in the armed forces.

372. Opposes transferring the costs of military retired pay from the DoD budget to the budget of any other agency.

399. Supports a strong Ready Reserve.

425. Supports legislation to extend CHAMPUS benefits to veterans with service-connected disabling conditions.

207. Urges that funds be provided in the defense budget to build up the U. S. Navy to the strength necessary for the security of the U. S.

335. Recommends that Congress and the Administration examine Naval Reserve Drilling Units to determine their wartime potential; urges also that no alternative approach aimed at fulfillment of military/naval responsibility at reduced cost or with lesser commitment of resources be ignored or arbitrarily rejected.

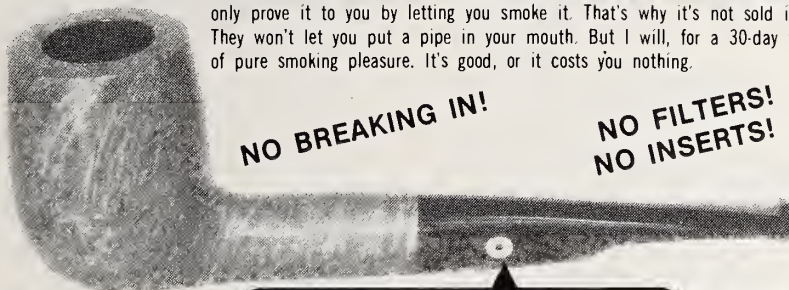
329. Advocates that Congress take advantage of the new "Ski-Jump" concept of STOL aircraft launching.

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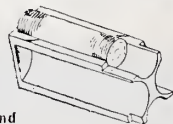
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presented to Lindbergh after the war), but the now-famous Whiskey and Soda were forced to retreat to the Paris Zoo. The squadron as the original members had known it would never be the same again.

My father transferred to the U.S. Naval Reserve, and by the summer of 1918, was the commanding officer of the heavily engaged seaplane base of Porto Corsini, Italy. His motto was: "Go get 'em—talk about it afterwards."

Lieutenant Haviland chafed under the ruling that he should confine his authority to the ground and not lead his men in combat. Discouraged by the meager efforts of these unseasoned fliers, in exasperation one day he got in his plane and led them.

Many years later, Al Williams, who by then was a Scripps-Howard staff writer for the New York World Telegram, saw Dad at an air show and recounted the events of this particular flight in his newspaper.

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"A staff inspector heard of this exploit and reported it to headquarters in Paris. A court martial was proposed for disobedience of orders, but Haviland's original explanation must have touched someone's sense of humor: 'I wasn't leading my men—I was too far ahead of them for that.'"

It appears that Dad managed to survive this final war-time tour of duty without being wounded by the enemy or the high command.

At the end of WWI, the Navy shifted its interest from combat to experimentation. My father became part of a team that set out to develop a practical way to launch a plane from a ship. The battleships U.S.S. Texas and U.S.S. Oklahoma were involved in the project, which took place in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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One of Dad's final assignments was the training of Navy pilots in the use of land planes. Al Williams, a pupil of his at this time, would soon be identified as the pioneer speed flier of the Navy.

Then this "Early Bird," whose many decorations included the American Navy Cross, the French Croix de Guerre (presented three times), the Italian War Cross and the Belgian Croix de Guerre, folded up his wings and quietly moved into civilian life.

He never flew professionally again. But until the end of his days, he walked and stood as though he were aboard ship; drove a car as he would a plane; and always looked up into the sky if he heard the sound of an airplane motor.

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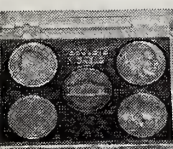


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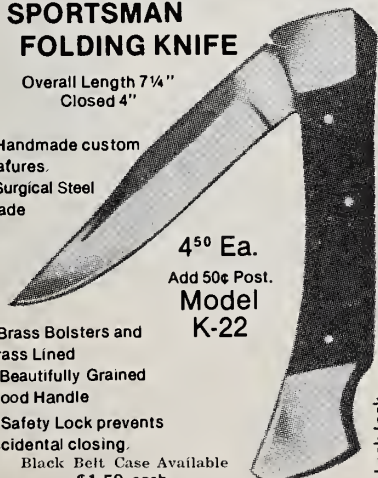
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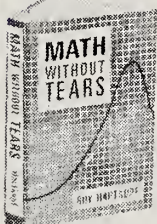
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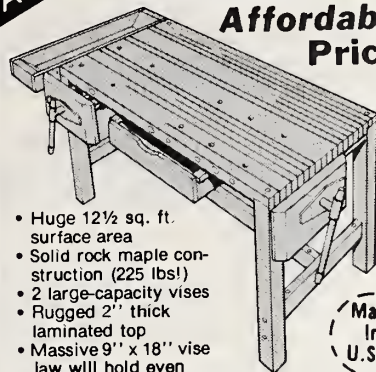
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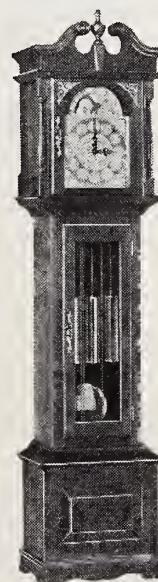
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age from a friend. It contained a piece of the deck of the U.S.S. Oklahoma—sunk at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

From then on, when not glued to the radio, Dad was working on plans to become reinstated in the Navy. Before we had hardly gotten used to the idea, he got his assignment to supervise the construction of a new naval air station at Whidbey Island, off the coast of Seattle, Washington. The skipper was to be Captain Cyril T. Simard, commanding officer of Midway Island during that famous air and sea battle which had become the turning point for the Allies in the Pacific.

"Cy" Simard was a soft-spoken man of medium build; kind and unpretentious. He could put an officer at ease who might come to his home to pay an official social call and find him in his undershorts pressing his pants. By November of 1943, he was Commandant of the Naval Air Center in Seattle and my father had assumed command of Whidbey Island Naval Air Station.

Commander Haviland had his problems. His application for flying status had been turned down, and he was outranked by the wing commander and even his own station doctor. But he doggedly kept a base in a peaceful zone from forgetting there was a war on, and for himself made a seven-day-a-week work schedule. Not a week went by that he didn't get into his car and inspect every corner of the kingdom. An officer once commented: "The skipper knows how many nails there are in every building!" I guess about the liveliest incident he encountered took place the day his official car was given a citation for a parking violation signed by himself. He had it framed and kept it on his desk.

When he ran into people who had known him in WWI, the tall stories would be exchanged, such as: "Remember when you tossed that high-ranking Italian officer into the canal?"

It was in September, 1943, that he received a letter from the writer, James Norman Hall (author of the memorial story, *Mutiny On the Bounty*), who lived in Tahiti.

Hall had literally received a baptism of fire when he joined up with the Lafayette Escadrille in WWI.

On one of his first missions, he was delayed taking off with the

squadron because of engine trouble. Gingerly searching the skies for his fellow Americans who had preceded him in flight, he spotted a formation of planes ahead and rushed to join them—they were *German!* After recovering from the shock of finding him in their midst, they unmercifully pelted him. He was grazed in the forehead, groin, right leg, and a bullet in the shoulder paralyzed his left side.

Hall's riddled plane spiraled down toward the German lines. With great effort, just before passing out, he managed to cut off the motor and point the plane toward "home." It obliged him by landing across a front-line French trench. The wings disintegrated, dropping the body of the plane gently into the trench.

Dad said that Hall not only lived to tell the tale, he completely recovered to go on many more missions, and never again forgot who the enemy was.

In his letter to my father he said, nostalgically:

"I feel more than useless these days. I am not even within cheering distance of the war and the men who are taking part in it. Thanks to McArthur's boys in the South-Western Pacific, Tahiti remains even more peaceful in these days than it was before the war started. I can't say that I have any objection to this, but I do wish that I could drop about twenty years off my shoulders and get into the air service again..."

"Good wishes, Willis. Perhaps you will get down here before the war is over, in which case, we can have a good talk of our old days.

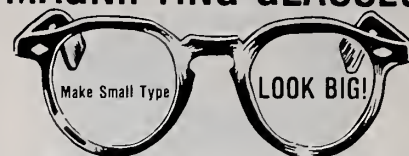
They were not destined to see each other again.

No one thought much about the weight my father was losing—it was so gradual. Then he contracted a cold that somehow just hung on and on. Chest x-rays ultimately revealed a lung tumor.

Dad had just received orders to relinquish his command for a special assignment in the Pacific. His special assignment turned out to be the Corona Naval Hospital in California, where he died on November 28, 1944, at the age of 54.

I am sorry that he didn't get to meet the first American air squadron to land on the moon. It could have happened—that was only 56 years after the first American air squadron fought in France. ■

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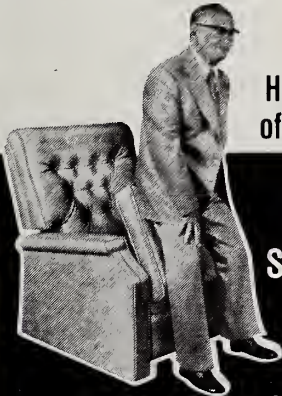
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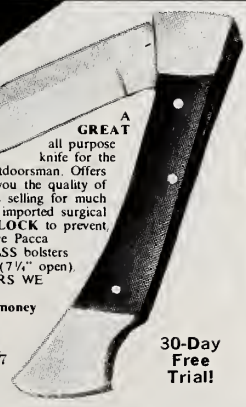
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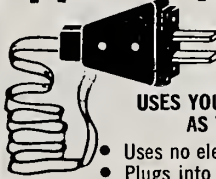
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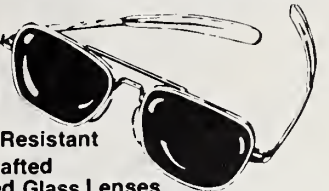
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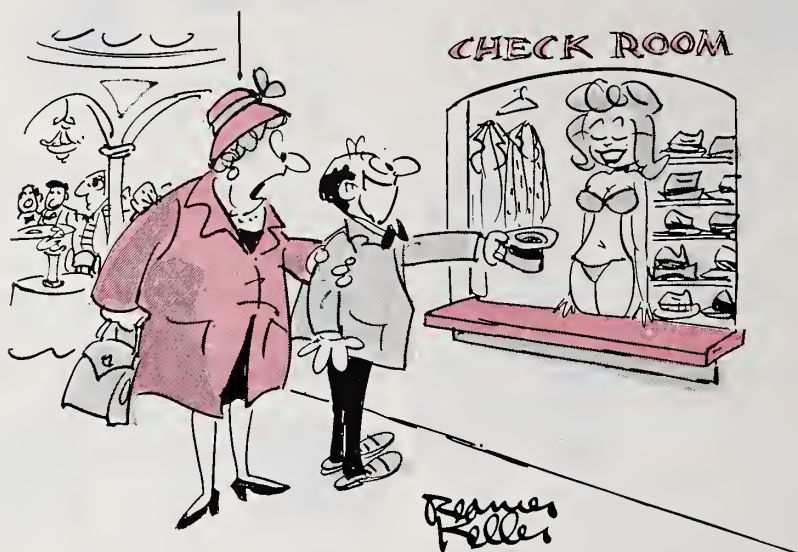
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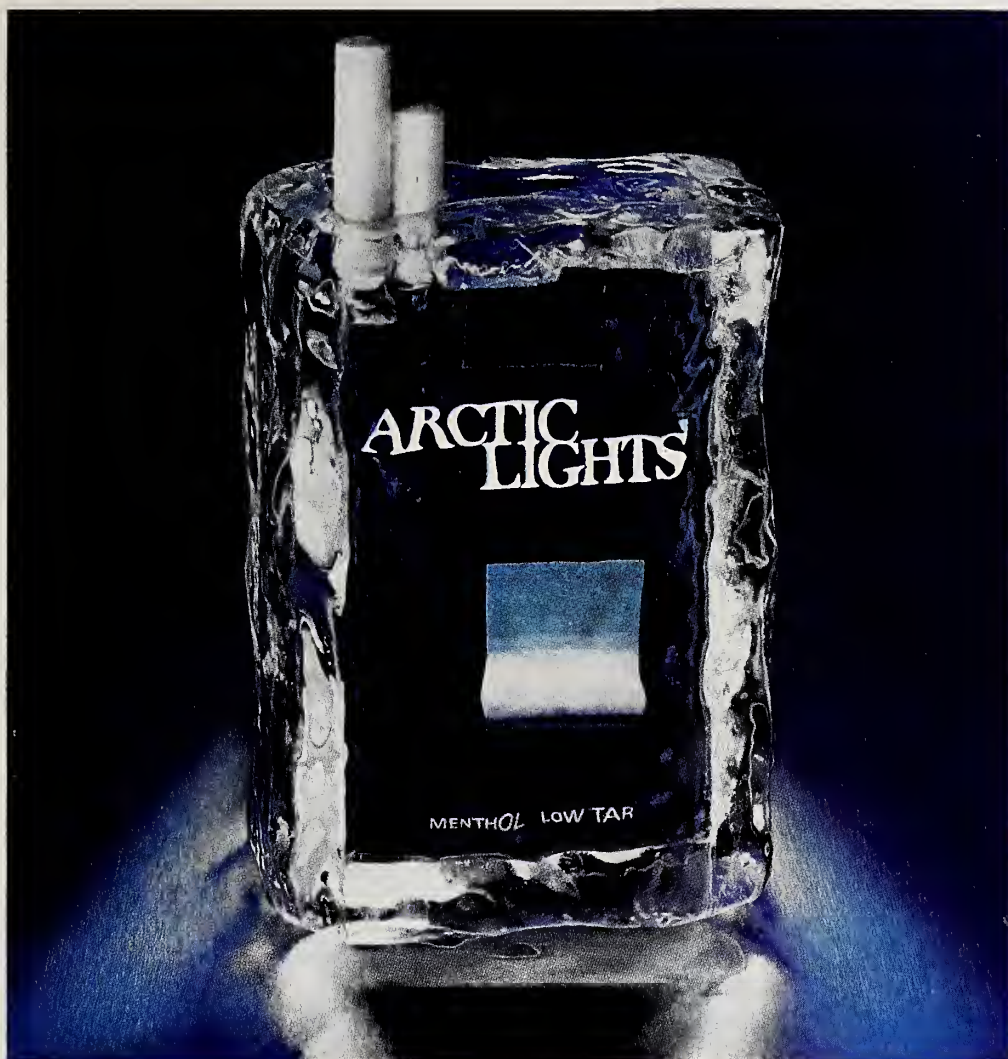
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